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· LEADING EQUITIES eased as very thin trading brought an unsettled start to the new Account. The FT -30-Share Index, down 3.8 at noon, closed at 464.5, off 1.5 on the day.

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Commission proposals for ng the Community fishing Decision to-day

### Egypt less isolated Big banks U.K.-Arab bid differ on over peace initiative base rate rises as Syria softens line BY MICHAEL BLANDEN THE BIG BANKS yesterday

Tuesday November 29 1977

### BY ANTHONY McDERMOTT

Egypt's isolation in the Arab world appeared last night to be lessening. While President Assad of Syria declared that there were disagreements but no divorce" between the two countries, King Hussein of Jordan became the first frontline Arab state leader to praise the "great courage" of President Sadat and Egypt's peace initiative with Israel.

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King Hussein, speaking to the preinicr, arrived in Moscow fur Mr. Sadat and Mr. Begin, the lordanian people on TV, said taiks which are expected to take Israeli Prime Minister. Exypt's Initiatives had broken up possible Syrian-Soviet julnt Within the context of the past down barriers which hindered a action following President 20 years the fact that an Israeli just sottlement and peace in the Sadat's visit to Israel, writes delegation was coming to Cairo Middle East. David Calter in Moscow. Mr. should be considered as substan-tocontries opposed to President official to make contact with the Egyptian diplomat. Sadat's initiative intensified Soviets since the Sadat Israel A, oew atmosphere had been yesterday, further strengthening visit, was welcomed at Minesow created, be argued, and the by Mr. Aodrei Gromyko, the stage was set for other nations Some conotries—notably Syria —baye agreed to attend the antick for the material for they desired.

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Roger Matthews adds from restlessness among those Egyptian officials who were anysaying that his visit to Isroel Cairo: Egyptian officials remain Egyptian officials who were any-"has created more obstacles in undismayed that only Israel has way doubtful about Mr. Sadat's the way of the Geneva peace so lar accepted President Sadat's policies. Toey point to the still conference," but he refused to invitation to a Cairo conference glaring absence of a single Israel cuocession that could be held up

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draft rates following the sharp 2 per cent. jump in the Bank of Eogland's minimum leading rate on Friday to 7 per cent. Westminster proounent Saudi Arabian busiresponded first, raising its base South Arabia and Bahraio. rate for lending by 1! per cent. to 7; per cent floyds then took a competitive adge by an nouncing an increase of maly The formation of what is to be called the Saudi Arabia-1 per cent. lo 7 per cent.

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hase rale at 6 per cent. As a result, borrowers are lem-porarily in the exceptional situation of having three loan

The changes mean that the top-quality corporate customers of Lluyds will pay 8 per cept. for their ovedraits, while at NatWest they will be charged 8; per cent. Other borrowers will pay up to about 12 per cent. at Lloyds and 2 per cent. mure at NatWest.

The Ine banks also differed over the rate they pay to their branch depositors, though both took the apportunity to widen their margin of profit ability. NatWest increased its seven-day deposil rate hy I per cent. to 4 per cent, while Lloyds went up only 2 per cent, to 3! per cont.

The differences reflect the continuing uncertainly in the money markets after last week's sudden udjustment in rales. At Lloyds Mr. John Montgomery, the chief general manager, said that the bauk's 1 per cent, increase in lending rates was in line with current

Ile added: "Should there he

CAUSEW be called the studi Ataba Bahrain Canseway Consortium was disclosed by Mr. Khasboggi, whose Triad group is closely involved in the development of tons of structural steel needed the Saudi economy, and con- in the causeway, as well as firmed yesterday by British Steel, general civil engineering ser-

The project—one of the largest vices. The project—one of the largest vices. In the Middle East — is to be Tual Saudi Arabia will bear ficanced completely by Saudi all the cost nt financing the pro-Arabia. According, to Mr. ject is a feature of the cootract Khashoggi, the consortium's plan which will make for keen inter-mational competition. This is Slbn. 16050m.) to all for build an attractive element for British log not only the 16-mile cause-tract bare here a squeezed out of way but also a new town for past have been squeezed out of 5,000 people to Bahrain. because of financiog problems of

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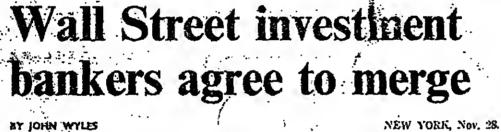
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British side of the construction for firm Government support and Other British construction influence at the political level in groups are expected to join. the Arab capitals involved to Triad is heading the Arab help us with the contract," side, which includes Al-Nasr, a British Steel said. Saudi company. One of Sandi Detailed designs for the four-(Arabla's biggest banks will be tane causeway, which will locor-involved and negotiations are porate a number of bridges to understood to be laking place in allow the passage of sbips, include several Bahraini com- started heiog drawo up in July. The Saudi Government bas

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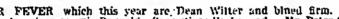
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WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.

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Page 34 panies which have joined forces will be on the Board of the com-

## Dock strike pushes U.S. trade deficit to record \$3.1bn.

### BY JUREK MARTIN, U.S. EDITOR

Debray, the French anthor **COMPTANIES** former follower of Ernesto **J. H. FENNER** mada record ara, has won one of pre-tax profit of £8.41m. (£7m.) is's top literary prizes, the in the year to September 3. Femma, for his novel La in the year to September 3. Femma, for his novel La in the year to September 3. BISTORTIONS 1N trade flows October. Seasonally adjusted, Earlier in the day the foreign caused by the East and Guif their value fell last month to exchange market bad been fairly coast docks strike pushed the \$3.58hn. from the \$3.7hn. of the quiet hut nervous ahead of the Source, Brute. Im Allison, former Crystal **O** MONTEDISON'S senior vice-e and Manchester City chairman, Sig. Alberto Grandi, ger, is in Mamphis, has resigned io a further shake-ger, is in Mamphis, has resigned io a further shake-

tively modest \$1.7hn as exporters pal declines last month were Other ceotral banks probably stove to beat the strike dead suffered by sales of heavy contioued to sell D-Marks to keep line, but last month's returns machinery and equipment (down currencies, such as the Belgino

franc, within the permitted timits of the Europeao currency "snake." produced n fall of over \$1.7bn. \_ in the voluma of exports to Higher GNP forecast Page 6 of \$9.2bn; the lowest monthly figure since March last year.

Lex. Back Page Fukuda reshuffles Cabinet The D-Mark touched a record This remained more con-stant, failing last wonth by only about \$350m. to \$12.3bn. So far this year, imports have over \$500m.) and of wheat and DM221 io terms of the dollar aod the Swiss franc a best-even

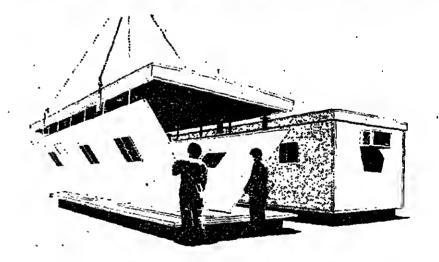
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30bn., a forecast that, doek D-Mark and Swiss franc rose to cial banks in London, but could strike dislortions or not, secons record levels against the dollar also bave been a natural move-likely to be quite accurate. yesterday aftersoon. following meet following the Bank of Oil imports remained a pervn publication of the U.S. trade Japan's determined support about this level last week. sive factor, in the opticit in-deficit.

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## **Job creation** fallacies

### BY SAMUEL BRITTAN

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leaders the impression that if they tried to hog the henefits "But isn't there a danger?" in higher wages, further spend-the sully-clever will ask, "that ing injections will follow from laxpayers will actually save some governments calculating "in of their tax remissions?" If this real terms." And who is to say really is a danger, the tax cuts that they are wrong?

which would be justified on almost any economic theory. The Bidger deficit would be targer, but also casier to finance. Or a for spending on subsidies directly but also casier to finance. Or a for spending on subsidies directly an anti-savings campaign. The The argument here would be that latter is to any case the logic of because of rigidities in uoion and the argument that more spending conventional wage structures will mean nore jobs. As for those young people cannot price them-who think the balance of pay- selves into jobs at a wage which professional trainer. National Hunt the former National Hunt the former National Hunt the former National Hunt the former National Hunt the care of pay- selves into jobs at a wage which the structures here the earling power. The former National Hunt the former Hunt Hunt the former Hunt Hunt the former Hunt Hunt the form ments a problem, surely a build-reflects their true earning power. ing worker will spend just as But the implication is that trade much on imports if he is unionists would be willing to employed in public works as if he accept an effective widening of is constructing a shed in one's differentials by means of sub own back carden?

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The high prices paid at the part at least of Burgundy to his —a 121 per cent increase on last prices to be higher than last year, the vintaga and for comparing the bare allowed substant bur were not too pleased when growers wines. Secondly, the increased crops for the vert well over 100 years normally Patriarche at this first fence, and Perhaps the most significant their prophecies were borne out level of prices paid at the Hast appendix to the large for with a vintage clearly in pices gives some indication of mentations. 55 hl per has appendix their prophecies were borne out to its predecessor, they in state of the market and its Manrault instead of the state of the market and its Manrault instead of the state of the new 35 hl, and 40 hl in place. Stood. After a few extravagant arche's bead, was clearly deter and their origin. For while there boped for a stabilised market, degree of acceptance of the new 35 hl, and 40 hl in place. So hill be vintage. I was not surprised, therefore, Cote de Nuits. Those with drinkers everywhere decide, level in only 100-franc bids, a region, there were many more of indifferent vintages prior to in a leading Beaune merchants of the sources of indigeners to in a leading Beaune merchants of the sources of indigeners to in a leading Beaune merchants of the sources of the morning after the may turn out best. I san all bordeaux is the better buy; initial lot of seven casks of the

all bordeaux is the better buy; initial lot of seven casks of the In fact, bowever, this yearly which took nearly five hours to

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### **Meissen vultures** Legal Branch should start make £75,000 promising day for Gifford record at auction

A world auction record price modelled Kandler as paid for Meissen porcelain fetched f6,000 to the Antique at Christie's yesterday when a Porcelain Company; and a docu-

at Christie's yesterday when a Porcelain Company; and a docu-27-inch-high pair of vultures, mentary Melssen figure of a modelled around 1731 hy J. G. bagpiper, also modelled by Kirchner and J. J. Kandler, sold Kandler, made £3,500 to Winifred for £75,000 to a private U.S. Williams. collector. The hirds, which are Sotthehy's yesterday continued fire-cracked, were made for with the dispersal of the famous Frederick the Great's Japanese collection of books of the 19th Palace in Dresden. The previous century bibliophile. Sir Thomas Willions. This the Sind day of

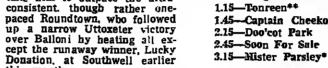
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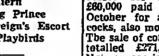
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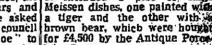
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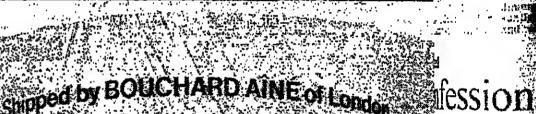


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## Light on the Dark Ages

### by DENYS SUTTON, Editor of Apollo

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there is a West End comedy trying to get ont. Entrances and exits are ingeniously prepared so-that a series of dialogues between the characters can clear the air that hangs uncomfortably hetween them. Hat, who now runs a record shop, still bankers after Beth and, when Andrea takes Martin off to the pub, he timbles on the carpet; as she wrestles free, Beth turns on him with "You're bloody unfit!" But she succumbs bonetheless, after relishing Hai's cruel com-ment to the directing avant garda theatre, not medding in othar people's lives.-Martin hae, ouit his job in a ard a theatre, bot meddling in othar people's lives.-Martin has quit his job in a flurry of frustration, but that seems unlikely to save his foundering three year old marriage. The play ends on a mock heroic stroin, with Hal affecting a suicidal pose and closing the show with a look that spells resignation and a hig semi-colon. Meanwhile : . aligned to remember the possession conductors to day, that we are sitting in a fringe theatre is uncomfortable seating and a short burst of Lou Reed as the lights dim after the interval, MiCHAEL COVENEY

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### Rubbra's Fourth Quartet

At 76, Edmund Rubhra con-step, the poised balance of li you become gripped (as I was) tinnes to cast a musical radiance phrase against phrase, the inter-which may not dazie, but glows play of rhythms in "madri-steadily. Sunday's broadcast of galian" fashlon: these are, and fortable" sound has to be won-his fourth and latest string have been, among the finger-hy Rubhra's harmonic idiom, in guartet (relayed from the Shel- prints of Rubhra's style. In the donian Theatre, Oxford) cama at recent Teath Symphony, for in-dentian when, inadvertently as it stance, the proportioning of the were, be is on the verge of final section (barely half-a-dozen winning possibly his widest hars) to the whole work is audience. His arrangement of accomplished with a master's and this carol strangement of accomplished with a master's choral-and-orehestral record. The that' the Desi' thing' about is go of Christmas. That this carol atrangement is conclasion. I could not help be a piece of serious and sometimes ing struck with a similar in of different from the stagsons, the new quortet. It is a work of dingdong material of most of unusual shape and duration; the record—is typical of its com- two movements, the first- of them poser. The careful unfolding of the longer and itself subdivided, a melody that moves mostly by lasting in all about 16 minutes.

Record revenues and earnings marked both the third quarter and nine-month period, reflecting substantial strength in the major facets of our business. Property and casualty insurance, title insurance, and container leasing

all contributed to the increase in operating income, after taxes, of 48 percent for the third quarter and 276 percent for the nine-month period as compared with last year's figures.

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	Quarter End	ed September 30	Nine Months End	ed September 30
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Revenues	\$304,035,000	\$259,655,000	\$847,555,000	\$715,750,000
Operating income after taxes	\$ 14,476,000	\$ 9,788,000	\$ 38,341,000	\$ 10,200,000
Net realized gain on insurance investments after taxes	933,000	2,650,000	3,742,000	9.579.000
Income after taxes, before extraordinary income	15,409,000	12,438,000	42,083,000	19,779,000
Extraordinary income <sup>(1)</sup>	7,720,000	1,131,000	23,164,000	4,106.000
Net income after taxes	\$ 23,129,000	\$ 13,569,000	\$ 65,247,000	\$ 23,885,000

### Per-Share Information

Operating income after taxes	\$1.65	\$1.08	\$4.31	\$.65
Net realized gain on insurance investments after taxes	.12	36	.49	1.31
l'acome after taxes, before extraordinary income	1.77	1.44	4.80	1.96
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Net income after taxes	\$2.77	\$1.59	\$7.83	\$2.52

(1) Extraordinary income resulted from the utilization of tax tex loss carryovers.

(2) Per-share computations are after deduction of dividend mirements on the Series C Preferred Stock

### APPOINTMENTS

## EUROPEAN NEWS

The newly reconstituted dissi-

dent committee which monitors

Soviet observance of the

Helsinki accords yesterday

demonstrated its delermination to continoe working des-plie emigration and arrests,

with an appeal to Western

participants at the European security conference in Belgrade

to press the Soviet Union on

### TITO'S ANNIVERSARY AMNESTY

## The amber light for democracy

### BY PAUL LENDVAL RECENTLY IN BELGRADE

political crimes and of the 356 Yugoslavia. Nikita Khrusbebev The Marxist critics of the Tito at the same time the boam and functionaries, who had been awaiting trial for promised large credits and kept regime, the philosophers and the profound social-change pose The hard-liners, above a

political offences. The move is seeo as a signal for political relaxation. Though there are still, according to official figures. about 300 people in Yugoslav prisons convicted of political crimes, it is important to remember that they are almost exclusively either held as pro-Soviet plotters or as agents of extreme nationalists, mainly Croats or Albanians, said to have committed or prepared terrorisi out-

THE AMNESTY just announced technicians found 19 bidden rebel of Yugoslav Communian. imemployed and an inflation of self-management inten-io honour of Yugoslavia'a microphones in the Yugoslav This blot on the Yugoslav record rate of 10 per cent. the presence Thus Kardelj. has reopener national day (November 29) is a embassy. His first period of in buman rights is probably due of 300,000 Yugoslav workers old debate about the dence long-overdue gesture towards service coincided with the atormy to the petty vengeauce of abroad and the investments made ation of decision-making, i public opinion at home and years of 1956-53 and Mr. Micuno- bureaucrats. He receives how in the catering and services must involve above all a re-abroad. vie reveals how the Russians ever a higb pension and royaities sector at home by those who had of the party. His speeches The significance of the combined public praise for from his books published only to return because of the recess the expression "self-ma-amnesty goes beyond the freeing Marshal Tito with secret warn- abroad and despite occasional sion--ail this has changed the ment pluralism." have ala of the 218 people convicted of ings and subversion against press attacks leads a normal life, system beyond recognition. Yet many higbly placed political crimes and of the 356 Yugoslavi. Nikin Khrushebev The Marsist critics of the Tito at the some time the boom and functionaries.

human rights violation, writes . Yesterday's statement, which David Satter in Moscow. The ence at the home of Mr. Nahum Neiman, a scientist and member of the Helsinkt Helsinki Group, which has seven active members, said in a statement that the West sbould consider general human group, was clearly intended to demonstrate that the group will continue to attempt to rights violations and "every parlicular substantive violation" including the repression of 14 people connected with the Helshki group itself. document Soviet violations of the humanitarian provisions of the Helsinki accords.

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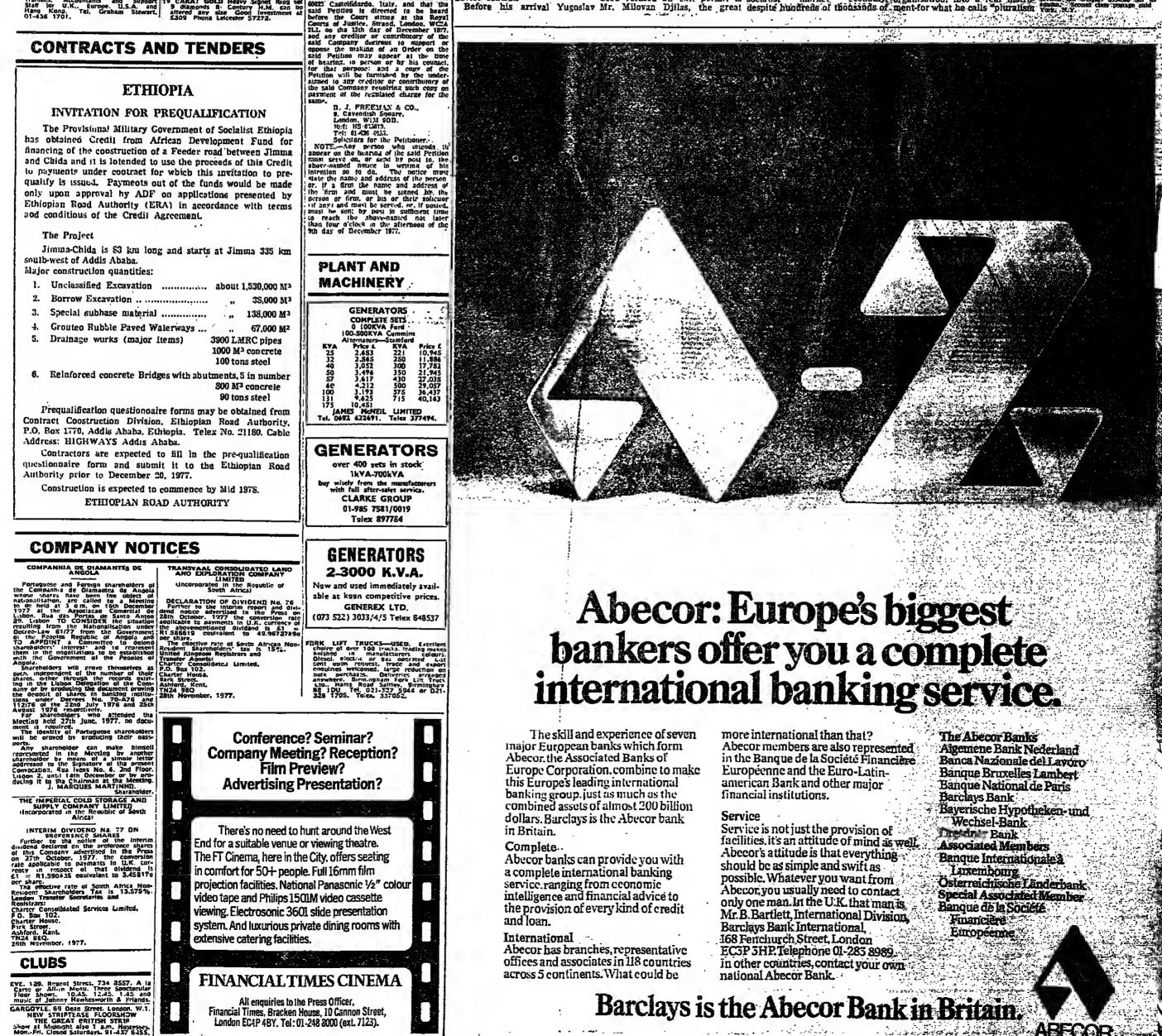
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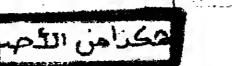
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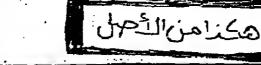
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### emone agrees France faces worst week Swedish Latest IFO survey economic underlines problems of strikes since spring decline forecast PARIS, Nov. 28.

By William Duliforce

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 28. THE SWEDISH Federation of Industries believes the Swedish Industries believes the Swedish economy will continue to decloc through the first balf of next year and that the anticipated 2 per cent. fall in GNP this year will be followed

However, if the OECD fore-However, if the OECD fore-rast of a 4 per cenl, growth in GNP among its members in 1978 is realised, the federation expects a fairly swift export-led improvement in the Swedish economy to get nuder

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amount in 1978. The 10 per cent. devaluation

of the krona at the end of August was not enough to

of employment BONN, Nov. 28. BY IONATHAN CARR THE STRUCTURAL problems reluctance-even with a big afflicting West German rodustrial backlog of orders---to add to the employment are underlined by labour force when there is no the results released to-day of the certainty how long the domestic latest survey of busizess opinion motor vehicle boom may last, carried out by the IFO economic Further, the phenomenon of

Institute. , overtime and IFO reports that in October a reflects both 11 uocoiployment the institut majority of enterprises foil they companies to find chough skilled had too few orders in hand, were craftsmen, and the unwillingness sceptical about export prospects of many jubless to take work of and did not plan to expand a lower grade. There is insuffi cient tabour mobility and hig production. Nooetheless, about a quarter scope remains for effective im-

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figure bound to increase in the computter to the Economics winter. Ministry to reject the idea of an The proportion of those on overtime ban to help solve un-overtime is especially high in emphysication to help solve un-the consumer durables sector, warned against the view that an Producers of cars and electrical increase in the overall economic household goods both seem set grawth rate will of itself take up to expand production further it most of the unemployed. Contro-says, bul it is not clear how far versially. it suggested that a this may lead to new otrings, how partial lifting of the han on re-far to a further increase in over- cruitment of new foreign labour it most indicates the increase in over-

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## Machine tool sales rise

FRANKFURT, Nov. 2S.

WEST GERMAN manufacturing ports, weakened appreciably in

industry has been heavily in the second quarter the market for machine tools Between Jan January after several years of drustic September, foreign orders were ally curbed investment plans, 6 per cent down in real terms Domestic orders placed with the on the comparable period of fast Federal Republic's machine tool year. As in 1978, prices rose by industry rose 34 per cent, in the 6 per cent, on average during the first mine months of the year, first half of the year, while compared with the same period volume sales were back by 3 per of 1976. cent.

The machine tool manufac-turers, who this year are expect-ing annual sales of nearly DMThn. 1ELT4ba.1. form the largest of West Geratany's —a far ers from the average S7.4 mechanical engineering indus. Trics and encently amploy same in view of the time has to trics and currently employ some in view of the thing lag in 97,000 workers. current order book, which

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W. German opposition split over leadership

### By Our Own Correspondent

BONN, Nov. 28. THE WEST German opposition Is giving a public display of disunity from which the Government coalition uniter (chancellor Nelawic Schmidt, can only prolit

The Governmeol Social Democrat (SPD) and Free Democrat (FDP) parties have already henefied both from Herr Schmidt's firm handling of the terrorist issue, and from the relatively smooth course of their recent con-gresses. gresses.

Now the apposition Christian Democrats (CDU) and their Bavarian sister party, the Uhristian Social Union (CSU), bave become embrolled in public arguments which, on the face of it, could have been castly avoided.

Leading figures from both des have chosen this moment lo drag out the question of who is hetter suited to lead the opposition in general chec-tions in 1980-CDU leader Helmnt Kobl or CSU chief Franz Josef Strauss.

The origin of the dispute appears to be belief among some in the CDU that the opposition's standing can only be enhanced if Herr Strauss is ruled out well in advance. The result has been a flurry of personal point-scoring helping neither side.

Feellug in the CDU against Herr Strauss has been muning particularly bigh because of statements he made during a recent tist to Child, when he praised the work of Child's military leadership and said there was greater peare there than in several neighbouring recurity. countries.

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In the midst of this, Herr Strauss decided to announce that he would be stamling for the prime ministership of Bavarla next year—thus con-firming a move long expected.

Should be take the post. Berr Strauss will give up his seal in the Bundestag—the lower House of the Bonn Parllament. But there are few who helieve he will forsake national affairs altogether, and many who speculate that he will use the new joh as a stepping stone to greater power in 1980.

• The West German Foreign Minister, Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, who was taken lo hospital last week with suspected pneumonia, is more ill than at first helieved and is unlikely to resume official dulles before loid-January.

JULIFUE TWOBY DAVID CURRYPARIS, Nov. 23.Shin ReevesBRUSSELS, Nov. 29.THE MOST widespread industication of the state alring of string for a string string for a string was approved.Minister. ond to M. Giscard already started. Air France days is prepared to settle wage claims of strings whether have knocked weeks culminating in a quasi- week culminating in a quasi- week culminating in a quasi- week culminating in a guasi- before the distribution of strikes whether have knocked weeks culminating in a quasi- week culminating in a quasi- before the distribution of strikes whether have knocked weeks culminating in a quasi- before the distribution of the week's paid holiday battom of the state airline's meaning against the Government is leading lucideness out most of the state airline's be conceded next yeor.Will state until becoment is conducted that this will until becoment is prosenter to a strike with the state airline's be conceded next yeor.Will the state airline's meaning against the Government is likely to decide and yeor.Will the state airline's meaning against the Government is likely to decide and yeor.Will the state airline's meaning against the for a sith week's paid holiday battom of strike's whet he and and the and the and the state are and the and the and distribution be and the prime 's general strike's whet he and the and the state are and the state and the state are and the and and the and the and distribution of the World first are the Communist

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ATHENS, Nov. 28.

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and the increase so far this year to 8.2 per cent. It means that

over 1977 as a whole the Govern-ment will serape home ooly fractionally below last year's 9.9 per cent. Infisiion rale. This is

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Dutch coalition | Soares showdown likely LISBON, Nov. 2S. BY DIANA SMITH THE HAGUE, Nov. 28.

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casi the federation foresees industrial prednetion sinking io 1978 for the fourth year running to a level about 7 per cent, lower than in the boom year of 1974. Some 50.000-60.000 employees will have to leave industry this year and next and the federation's economists doubt the public

Growth must be concentrated on the export sector in the

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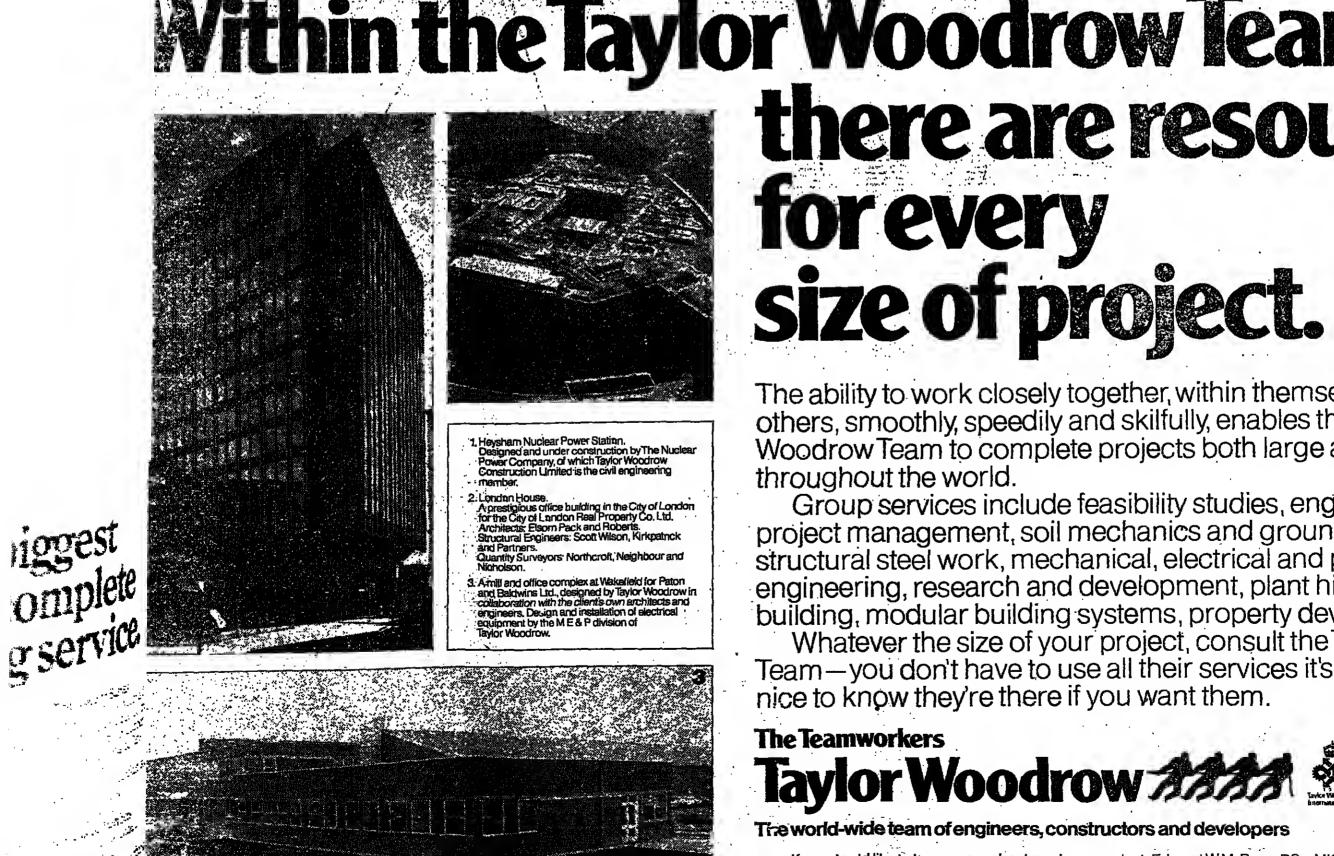
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next few years, while domestic consumption is held back.

BY GUY HAWTIN

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## AMERICAN NEWS

### **Congress confronts energy impasse Bank chief** optimistic

### BY DAVID BELL

AFTER A week's respite the U.S. Metzenhaum a leading supporter warned the gas industry that if chairman of the non-tax confer-Congress to-day resumed its of the administration, said such it parsisted with its demand for ence committee, threatened to attempt to break the impasse talk at this stage was "extremely the de-regulation of new natural bold all-night sessions on the over the proposed Energy Btll disturbing.

prleing.

Meanwhile liberal Congress-men and Senators continue to sidering the laxation provisions complain loudly about comments in the bill, the other the non-nade all a Prets workstone tax issues

the Energy Secretary. Much to to-day taken up with more about gas, some of which accept a measure of regulation the irritation of the real of the wrangling about the price of greatly favour the industry, will of intrastale gas prices. At administration, he outlined pos natural gas. Senator Henry have to be abandoned. present these are not regulated sible compromises that the Presi-Jackson, chairman of the Secata dent might accept. Soc. Howard Energy Committee bluntly

as one Congressman threatened The Senate and the House of to hold all night sessions until Representatives are trying to progress could be made on the fashion a compromise energy vexed question of natural gas bill using two conference committees made up of Congress-

made at a Press conference last tax taxues, week by Dr. James Schlesinger. The non-tax committee was

Representative Harley Staggers, whereas interstate prices are.

Last-minute attempt to

avert coal miners' strike

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28-

on Canadian gas prices at all, the provisions natural gas part of the bill so that the issue may be settled

by Thursday. Senator Jackson President Carter is planning to leave un December 28 or 29 said that the conference committee was stuck firm at nine to on a major foreign lour that he nine, and that " the ball is (now) postponed this month because in the industry's court. If they of preoccupation with energy are going to maintain their posilegislation. according th administration officials, Reuter tion . . . thera is going to he no bill. reports from Washington. Tha

Senator also reporters that the industry must

**Economists** 

project 4.2%

**GNP** growth

By Our Own Correspondent

NEW YORK, Nov. 25.

### economy By Victor Mackie OTTAWA, Nov. 28.

GERALD BOUEY, the Governor of the Bank of Canada, said to-day that the Canadian economy has now made many. of the adjustments necessary to allow it to perform better and compete more effectively told

wijo the rest of the world. Thus while the bad news is that our economy has been through a difficult gning by the Federal Government. period, the good news is that

may already have complejed a large part of what was bunnd to be a difficult journey," he sald. He spoke to the Canadian Club of Toronto. He said Canadians can deal successfully with the nucm-

ployment problem if at the same time they manage to deal successfully with the inflation proofem through becoming more competitive in world markets.

The Governor cautioned against those who worry that the expansion lacks the exuberance of previous perinds of world economic recovery and are fearful it will soon profit on the Babcock deal also gava Salomon Brethers, and Goldman Sachs similar spectacu-lar returns. Overall it has been come to an end. Reuter reports from Ottawa: Canada's real gross national product rose 1.3 yer cent. to the third quarter of 1977 after a revised 0.3 per cent. fall in the second. Statistics Canada waid. It added that the growth In real output was the second estimated that arbitrageurs made a \$30m. Profit on that \$500m. takeover.

largest in the past 18 months. The resumption of real prowth can be ascribed to a large increase in real personat expenditure on goods and services, a substantial improve-

ment in the balance of trade in goods and services, and a swing in non-farm husiness inventory from liquidation in the second quarter to some accomplation in the third quarter. 39-year-old arbitrage specialist at Goldman Sachs points out, it is

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desk, 33 storeys up, just a stone's throw from Wall Street, Ivan Boesky sits all day watching share prices on a television set and surrounded by 130 direct telephone lines to brokerson million dollar telephone lines to brokerage houses and two news-wire services. Intermittently, some new development in the 40 or 50 take-overs ha is following hrings a reaction. "You understand we don't want to lose any more in Panst." he barks down the tele-phone to one of his assistants-before dividing his altention

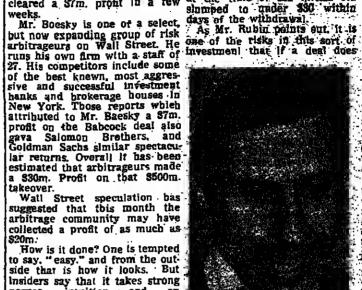
guessing game

BY STEWART FLEMING.

WALL STREET'S RISK ARBITRAGEURS

once again perween the inter-viewar from the Financial Times the Kennecott-Carborundum deal puts it, " the arbitrage spread and the television set from which could go wrong. One shareholder a very peristable commonly his eyes rarely wander. is suing Kennecott on the Even-the prefessionals was He doean't break for lunch grounds that it. is paying too how long the current good the If all this seema a rather tedious much and chould back out. will last. The profits being set If all this seema a rather tedious much and chould back out. will last. The profits being at way to spend your working life Moat analysts think the deal now reflect the wave of meri-way to spend your working life Moat analysts think the deal now reflect the wave of meri-disagree. But Mr. Boesky is an there have been plenty of others could make 1977 almost as bi-arhitragcur and this year the which have not. Arbitrageurs year for acquisitions as the work has had its compensations. probably suffered here been flexing with are more often being comple-work has had its compensations. probably suffered here for acquisitions as the work has had its compensations. probably suffered here for being the second with are more often being comple-neither dispute nor confirm drew its \$300m bid for a being the cash that in funny mon-suggest thal on one deal alone— the Babcoek Wilcox takeover hattle—Mr. Boesky may have cleared a \$7m, profit in a few weeks. Mr. Boesky is one of a select.

To day's deals are coming a Rubia points out investors i to value companies more hig than businessmen. That certainly true of the late i when speculative fever puis share prices to ussustain DAT levels. Today, businessmen.



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### Argentina may stand firm over islands

### By Hugh O'Sbaughnessy

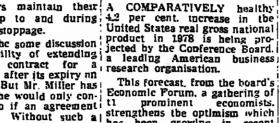
THE ARGENTINE Covernment THE UNITED STATES Govern- ing to ensure that the union and will refuse to be bound or the meous Mediation and Concilia the employers maintain their A arbitration award annuunced by tion Service bas called the two discussions up to and during, the Queen on May 2 in the sides of the coal industry to- the looming stoppage. dispute between Argentina and gether for a meeting to-morrow There may be some discussion Chile over possession of three in what seems likely to be a on the possibility of extending islands near Cape Horn, accord- forlorn attempt to head off a the current contract for a islands near Cape Horn, accord forlorn attempt to head off a the current contract for a research organisation. ing to insisteot reports from national miners strike. Buenos Aires. An Argentine rejection of the award would substantially increase tension negotiatoos on a new master hetween the two countries. The contract for 130,000 members of of military and naval manoeuvity (UMW). It noved quickly to ings. The award, which was based after Mr. Arnold Miller, the Bituminous Coal dockers will yote to-morrow of the unanimous opinion of a UMW president: walked out of on the unanimous opinion of a UMW president: walked out of the unanimous opinion of a UMW president: walked out of the unanimous opinion of a UMW president: walked out of the Bituminous Coal dockers will yote to-morrow of the prospects for the unanimous opinion of a UMW president: walked out of the unanimous opinion of a UMW president: walked out of the unanimous opinion of a UMW president: walked out of the unanimous opinion of a UMW president: walked out of the unanimous opinion of a UMW president: walked out of the unanimous opinion of a UMW president: walked out of the unanimous opinion of a UMW president: walked out of the unanimous opinion of a UMW president: walked out of the unanimous opinion of a UMW president: walked out of the unanimous opinion of a UMW president: walked out of the unanimous opinion of a UMW president: walked out of the unanimous opinion of a UMW president: walked out of the unanimous opinion of a UMW president: walked out of the unanimous opinion of a UMW president: walked out of the unanimous opinion of a UMW president: walked out of the unanimous opinion of a UMW president: walked out of the unanimous opinion of a UMW president: walked out of the unanimous opinion of a UMW president: walked out of the unanimous opinion of a UMW president walked out of the unanimous opinion of a UMW president walked out of the unanimous opinion of a UMW president walked out of the unanimous opinion of a UMW

BY JOHN WYLES

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gaining 5.5 per cent compared in 5.9 per cent. in 1977

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## **Full recovery of corporate** demand for funds in Japan increased at an is due to take some time

since domestic business hil the January-March quarter of

The Japanese economy has million began to decline from business recovery period passed two years and a half the gain a year ago in the starting from 1972. fund demand remained brisk in Ihal year and registered a solid

period, corporate fund demand sway the course of bank loans. average annual rate of 15.9 per cent. In the interim, the comparable average growth stood at 11.8 per cent for the depreciation outlay and 12.0 per cent for pre-tax profit. As a result. The growth of internal lunds. ind ing reserves

bound to stay fixed. With reference to the phase of fund demand and shortage, some - specific industries, represented by consumer durables industries, are expected to be able to do well with their internal reserves even in case of the gradual rally of plant and equipment investments in the future nasmuch as their internal

Wall Street speculation bas suggested that this month the arbitrage community may have collected a profit of as much as How is it done? One is tempted How is it done? One is tempted to say. "easy." and from the out-side that is how it looks. But Insiders say that it takes strong nerves, intuition and an analytical mind to make arbi-trage profits in good times as well as had. As Robert E. Rubin, the

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nuary March quarter of 1975. Business on a macro-economic basis since has continued a modest growth at a slow lempo in the interim. principally on the strength of fiscal oullay and export trade,

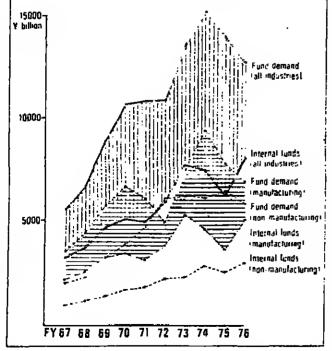
in this situation, corporate husiness activity has remained sluggish under the impact of deterrents, such as the wide supply-demand gap, delayed inventory adjustment and stagnation of the commodity market

Against this background, the increase of loans by all Japanese banks over the year-ago level in fiscal 1976 (April, 1976-March, 1977) declined sharply to 3.0 per cent from the comparable gain of 2t 9 per cent in fiscal 1975. In the first (April-June) quarter of

fiscal tota, such loans registered a sizable decrease of 22.0 per cent from the corresponding period a year earlier. Bank loans particularly have

been stagnant to leading enterprises. The increase of bank loans to major corporations capitalized at over ¥ 1.000

Trends in Fund Demand, Internal Funds



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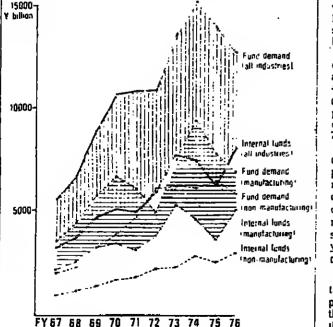
and borrowing policy on the side of business and industry. and the fund position and lending policy on the parl of banks under changing monetary conditions

In view of the latest monetary policy keynole of the Government, the recent stagnation of bank lending to business and industry is considered ascribable mainly to the factors on the corporate side Big firm fund demand

The trend of fund demand since 1975, has made a noteworthy change from the pattern in the 1965-74 decade. First, jund demand

registered a stable decrease consecutively in 1975 and 1976 despite the start of husiness recovery. In the previous

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cent from the previous fiscal year Generally considered to determine the trend of bank loans are such factors as the size of corporate fund demand

made a decrease of 8.8 per cent: or ¥1.370 hillion; from the previous year, followed by the continuous decrease of 9.5 per cent. or ¥1.340 billion. in 1976. As a result, fund demand in

Japan in fiscal 1976 totaled ¥ 12,770 billion to stay at a level equivalent to 82.5 per cent of the comparable total in fiscal 1973. It also dipped below the level in fiscal 1973

demand for Second. operating lunds receded sharply. Particularly noteworthy in this context was the decline of the ratio of inventory funds to total fund demand to 2.8 per cent in fiscal 1975-76 from 33.5 per cent in tiscal 1973-74 At the same time, the demand for operating

funds depended on the increase of liquidity, centered on securities, to the extent of about two-thirds

Third, the ratio of fund demand to financial assets acquired in fiscal 1975-76 advanced to 38.6 per cent :¥10.360 billion . compared with it 8 per cent ¥3.450 hillion) in fiscal 1973-74. It also surpassed 32.0 per cent + ¥ 6.829 billion: in liscal 1971-72

On the other hand, the ratio of fund demand to tangible assets acquired remained at 44.1 per cent ¥tt.860 hillion. down sharply from the comparable ratio of 73.0 per cent ¥21.320 billion) in fiscal 1973-74.

Fourth, the recent decrease of fund demand has been particularly noticeable in the manufacturing sector. As another specific feature, fund demand in the nonmanufacturing sector. on a steady upswing in the past few years, also turned to a downswing in fiscal 1976 Receding fund demand for

tangible assets in the fund phase. the slump of demand in the manufacturing sector and the standstill of demand in the non-manufacturing sector in the users phase have been principally responsible for the recent slowdown of demand for funds as a whole.

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Under such circumstaoces. the internal fund ratio vinternal funds/total fund demhowever, fund demand in 1975 and continued to dwindle and the fund shortage continued to swell in the 1965-74 period, except for fiscal 1972 (when fund demand was duli and fiscal 1973 (when corporate earnings sharply increased).

In fiscal 1976, however, the corporate profit registered a sharp gain of 41.5 per cent over the previous year. As a consequence, internal funds made a solid gain of 29.6 per cent to reach ¥8.000 billion. eclipsing ¥ 7,550 billion in fiscal 1973. In contrast, fund demand continued to dwindle Accordingly, the fund shortage in fiscal 1976 stood at ¥4,770 billion. showing a sharp decrease of 39.9 per cent from the previous year and declining to the low level of ¥4.880 billion in fiscal 1972. As a result, the ratio of internal

funds rose to 62 6 per cent Latest trend

The latest slowdown of bank loans to major industries and key enterprises thus is attributable to the following factors 1. A sharp decline of fund demand: 2) A steep decline of the fund shortage due to an increase of internal reserve funds: 31 The changing corporate management consciousness as represented by the rising move of corporations to pay hack outstanding DOTTOWINGS.

It needs to be seen whether this new trend of Japanese. corporale management is

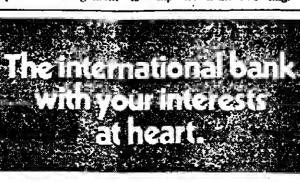
finance ratio tinternal reserves/funds for plantequipment investments1 havecontinued to stand high. Such industries also are adopting-positive policies for improving their finances by operating idle funds and nepaying borrowings. Many of

them also are moving to diversify the channels for acquiring funds by increasing capilalization by issuing new shares at the market prices or floating corporate bonds. Under the circumstances, the rate of dependence on borrowings by such industries is destined to decline gradually

On the other hand, the situation is different for basic materials and capital goods industries as their internal reserve ratio has been low and their dependence on external funds is likely to continue heavy in the future Many of such industries also

are suffering from the wide supply-demand gap and surplus equipment from a medium-range standpoint. Hence, dcmand for funds by such industries, especially for equipment funds, is unlikely to become activated, at least for some time.

Overall, the Japanese economy will continue to go through the process ol adjustment to get ready to shift to a stable growth on the medium-range basis. As a consequence, a full-scale recovery of corporate demand for borrowings cannot be expected for the time being.



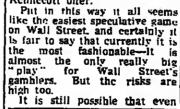
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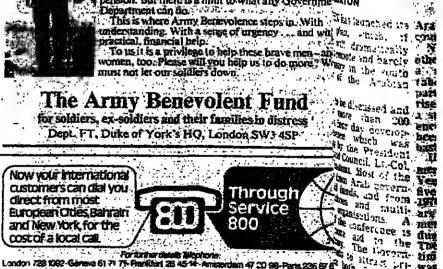
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This is what did bappen, but on a scale which perhaps even the optimists had scracely hoped Within two. weeks Kennefor. cott Copper, resting on hundreds of millions of dollars of cashannounced that it, was ready to spend between \$530m and \$560m buying Carborundum at a price nf Shi a share, Carbornadum agreed and if the deal goes through short term risk arbitrageurs as well as tong standing Carborundura shareholders and split the \$150m. plus difference between the Eaton hid and the Kennecott offer.





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AMMAN: Nov. 28.

Jordan's uneasy balancing act

### BY RICHARD JOHNS

AMMAN: Nov. 28. A DELICATE balancing meeting and will remain-astex frontal attempt to break the Jordan amounced to pected-sitting nervously on the deadlock. He has in the past it would be fence. So far, israel, has held secret meetings with Israeli accept Egypts in accepted Mr. Sadat's invitation leaders, though this has never tion to attend this week's to take part in the Cairo taks, been admilted officially. Tofficial "preparatory takes. It was always clear that Jordao King Hussein has hough thim-is Middle East peace settle could not contemplate participa-self to the resolutions of the it in Cairo only if-all the tion at any meeting in the ab-Middle East peace settle could not contemplate participa-self to the resolutions of the it in Cairo only if-all the tion at any meeting in the ab-Alternatively, on the same been co-ordinating policy closely representative of the Palestinian litions, it would be willing for over two years now. The people," entitled to set up a attend the rejectionist sum-Hasbemite kingdom also has state on territory evacuated by close fies with the conservative Israel.

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THE jockcying for positions to oil prices to advance of next mooths' OPEC meeting continued yesterday with Kuwait and indonesia reportedly agreeing that prices should rise by aboot 8 per cent. Iran meanwhile said oil prices would not be raised for two years. Abn Dhabl in the United Arab Emirates was reported to have asked the two major oil companies operating there to cul production oexi year by about 15 per cent to a maxi-mum of 1.35m, barrels/day

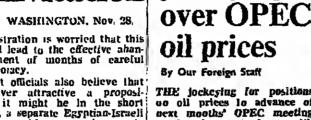
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However, Mr. Jamshid Amouzegar, Iran's Prime Mini-ster, was quoted in the Bahreini weekly magazine, al-Mawakef, 'as saying 'that " oil production from the exporting rountries has falien because the storage tanks of the consuming countries are full. Any increase in oll prices would also cause the third world countries balance-of-payments and other problems. Therefore



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SANAA, Nov. 28.

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## **Polisario** frees

### fishermen

Westero Saharan guerillas yesterday released three fisher-men they captured in an attack on a Spanish trawler off the Saharan coast this month, Renier reports from Algiers.

The men were freed at the Algicrs headquarters of the Polisario Front, which is fighting for the Western Sahara's indepcodence with Algerian backing. Representatives of Spanish left-wing parties, trade unions and supporters of Polisario demands attended the

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## U.K. clothing exports top £67m.

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cut back on its very targe trade deficit as a result of the great increase in imports of tow cost clothing into the U.K. over

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## Volkswagen in talks on Iran car assembly plant

### BY GUY HAWTIN

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By Fay Gjester

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 By Paul Betts
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### CANBERRA, Nuv.-28

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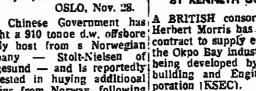
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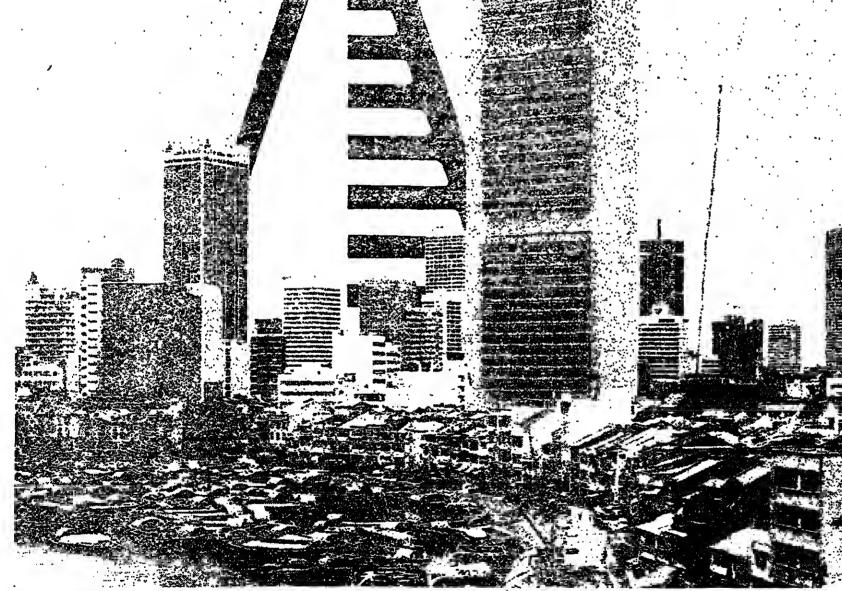
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India gains concession NEW DELHI, Nov. 28.

### BY K. K. SHARMA

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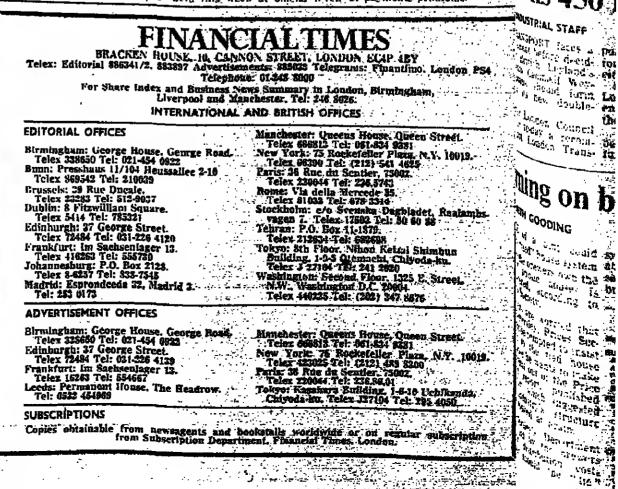
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**BP** start on Magnus Field expected soon

### BY RAY DAFTER, ENERGY CORRESPONDENT

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"The Participants in the Joint Venture are Woodside Petroleum Ltd. 50 per cent, North West

Shelf Development Pty Limited, BP Petroleum

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and to export liquefied natural gas (LNG).

the planning and definition phase includes:

Contracts totalling some \$5 million for

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The project planning and definition phase is

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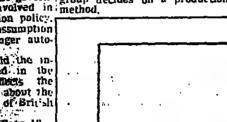
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It is usual about this time of the year for the Board to report to shareholders on -activities since the Annual Report was published and particularly since the Annual General Meeting in April.

This year, the period has seen the satisfactory conclusion of negotiations with the Commonwealth and Western Australian Governments of terms for the development of the North Rankin gas field which was discovered in 1971-72. given the Joint Venturers the confidence in proceed with further investment in this huge and complex venture.

The development of the North West Shell gas reserves will be the largest resource development undertaken in Australia. Because of its scale and national significance, we believe that the project deserves and will receive the support of all Australians. Exploration

While negotiating for the development of gas discoveries made six years ago, we have also been pressing on with ezhio primary object of discovering oil. Our current well, Caswell No 1 in Permit WA-34-P in the Browse Basin is the 62nd to have been drilled on the North West Shelf in the past decade. On November 8, we advised the Stock Exchange that strong indications of hydrocarbons had been encountered in the well while drilling the interval 3605 to 3607 metres. The significance of these indications will be evaluated as work on the well proceeds. Exploration wells already completed this year arc Haycock No 1 in Permit WA-28-P in the Dampier Sub-basin, which encountered thin gas bearing sands, and Scott Reef No 2A in Permit WA-33-P, which also encountered gas. The significance of the Scott Reel No 2A results in relation to the gas discovered in 1971 in the Scott Reef No 1 well is now under study. Future Exploration In order to progress exploration as rapidly as possible, the Joint Venture has, for some time, been reviewing the farmout of various areas of the North West Shelf to other exploration groups. As a result of these activities, a major oil company has expressed an interest in the Jarman-Picard Block in WA-1-P of the Dampier Sub-basin, and negotiations on a possible farmin are proceeding. The current well, Caswell No 1, is the first of several planned by the Joint Venture in water depths of over 200 metres. These will be drilled during the coming years as part of a programme to evaluate the central and outer parts of the North West Shelf basins, which have only been sparsely explored to date. To assist with the planned drilling programme, the Joint Venture will carry out an extensive seismic survey in early 1978 and will also reprocess older seismic data to improve their quality. These activities will ensure that well locations are matured in time to match rig availability. As part of its ongoing exploration programme, the Company participated with its Joint Venture Partners in hidding for the two northernmost new permits of the Exmouth Plateau area. The Designated Authority has offered Permit WA-90-P to the parmership. This new permit is contiguous with and offsbore from the Dampier Sub-basin Permit WA-28-P, which contains the main hydrocarbon discoveries made by the partnership on the North West Shelf. Finance The Company is in a liquid position having had \$19.6 million in cash and deposits at 31 October. The first call of 20 cents per share on the partly paid shares which is due and payable on 14 November 1977 will raise a further \$11.07 million. Expenditure of the Group (excluding Vamgas) during the period 1 January 31 October 1977 amounted to \$14.7 million. This rate of expeuditure will now increase as we proceed into the project planning and definition stage of development.



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work will enable the Joint Venturers to make the decision whether or not to proceed with the construction phase of the project. This is presently timed to begin in the second half of 1979 and scheduled so that gas production for the domestic and export markets can commence in 1984.

The Participants in the Joint Venture consider that the package of assurances and incentives negotiated with the Western Australian and Commonwealth Governments provide a satisfactory environment in which to commit the substantial funds required for the planning and definition phase. In addition, they

have been encouraged by the positive attitude to the proposed development by the Opposition Parties in the Western Australian and Commonwealth Parliaments.

### Markets and Prices

Further encouragement to proceed has been provided by the conclusion of a conditional agreement with the State Energy Commission of Western Australia for the supply of pipeline gas to the Western Australian market over a 20 year period and by the growing world demand for LNG.

In Western Australia the Joint Venturers have already concluded a basic agreement to supply up to 370 million cubic feet of pipeline quality gas per day. This is equivalent to 145 trillion (million million : British thermal units (Btu) per year and will fully satisfy the requirements of customers in the South West of the State and the Pilbara.

Without the development of the North West Shelf gas fields, Western Australia would become increasingly dependent on imported crude oil. The arrangement made would guarantee the supply of a substantial part of the State's energy requirements into the 21st century.

The price to be paid by the State Energy Commission for the gas, was negotiated on the basis of current market values, with escalation provisions to ensure that price relativity is maintained.

As has been widely reported, it is at present intended to produce up to 6.5 million tonnes per year of LNG for export from the North West Shelf. This is equivalent to approximately 337 trillion Btu per year.

The balance of recoverable reserves in the Rankin Trend after supplying commuments to the Western Australian and export markets will be available for use as required.

The potential markets for North West Shelf LNG are Japan and the West Coast of the United States.

The North West Shelf is geographically well placed to supply Japan, where in 1976 total consumption of natural gas 80 per cent in the form of LNG represented only three per cent of total primary energy consumption.

Japan is anxious to diversify to new sources of imported energy. In addition it has suffered more than most industrial countries from pollution problems and is attracted by the clean burning properties of natural gas.

In Japan, natural gas competes with low sulphur fuel oil, napbtha and LPG, all of which currently cost at least \$2.50 (US \$2.80) per million Btu landed. The two most recently concluded contracts for LNG supplies from Abu Dhabi and Indonesia have escalation clauses which relate to changes in crude oil prices.

In contrast with Japan, which huys LNG mainly for base energy use, the West Coast of the US seeks natural gas as such to overcome shortfalls in the domestic natural gas distribution system. LNG from Western Australia will therefore be competing with gas from alternative sources including the possible luture production of high cost substitute natural gas.

Because of growing shortfalls in domestic production, the United States needs far more gas than could be supplied physically as LNG and the constraints of the North West Shelf gas entering this market are imposed by US Government regulations rather than by market factors.

The arrangement with Western Australia, together with the export market potential of Japan and the United States and the constructive attitudes of both Government and Opposition parties in Australia, has e, 10th November, 197 ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

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### HOME NEWS

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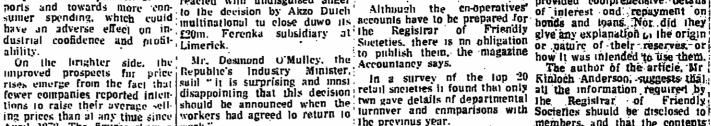
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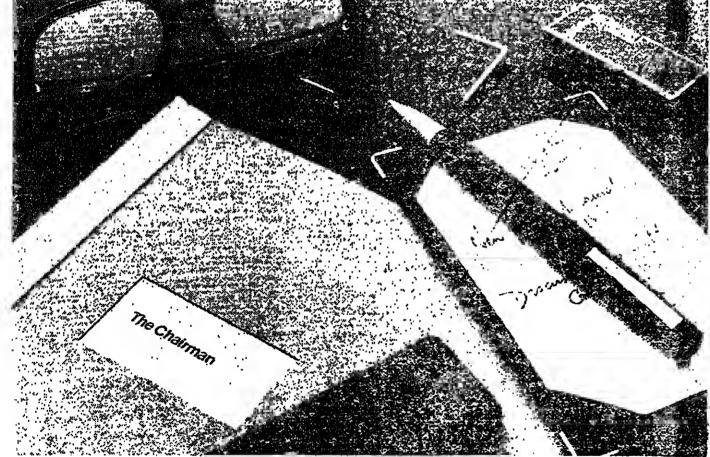
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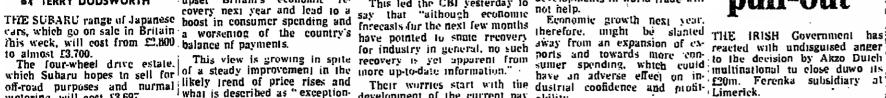
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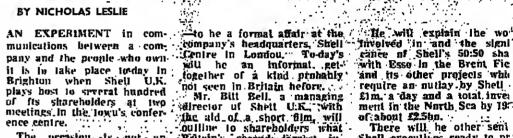
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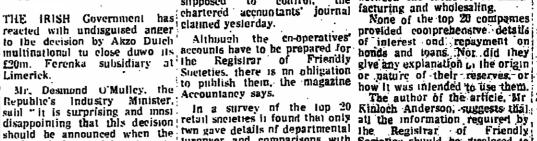
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Mr. 1. Peter Lee has been appointed a deputy director general of the PANEL ON TAKE-OVERS AND MERGERS.

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Mr. F. S. K. Baron has been ppninted chief executive desig nale of the international trading region of the GUTURIE (2011 PURATION from December t. Mr. Baroo is at present the group's histness development manager and he takes over as regional chief executive on May I, on the refirement of Mr. R. F. Jenkins, Mr. T. E. Francis becomes manor sultancy position in London with the Unithree Corporation. Mr. Francis was previously man-aging director of John Holt Venlures in Nigeria.

Mr. S. N. B. Leistman, senior pariner of Grentell and Co, since 1970 and of GRENFELL, ANII COLEGRAVE stockbrokers, since January, 1975, is to relife from that post on April 28 hill will remain a partner, relaining par-neular responsibility for edminis-trative and inatorial matters. He will be sucreeded by Mr. T. H. July de Luthlniere.

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The Financial Times is preparing to publish a Survey on Spain. The main headings of the provisional editorial synopsis are set out below. For further details of this and of advertising rates contact:

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INTRODUCTION Progression towards a modern state which can huld its own politically and economically; particularly if Spain is granted EEC membership.

PULITICS Printe Minister Adolfo Suarez and his union of the Democratic Centre pursues policies of gradual change: determined opposition from Senor Felipe Gonzalez, head of Socialist Worker's Party.

ECONOMY \$4bn. balance of payments deficit: attempts to stimulate industrial recovery and empetitiveness in exports: discouragement of domestic consumption, austerity measures and tax reforms are aimed at culling back currency supply, holding down inflation and distributing income more evenly.

INDUSTRY High costs due to oil and raw material prices: too-many firms accustomed to outlets on the domestic market.

FOREIGN TRADE 40 per cent. of exports to EEC countries.

AGRICULTURE 23 per cent. of work force employed on the land: damage due in soil crosion: mechanisation slow to reach some zones,

TOURISM 20 per cent. devaluation of peseta in July caused boom: efforts to obtain franchises for casinos in Balearies and Canaries.

BANKING S per cent. bank rate in July and August: tax reforms: inspection of accounts.

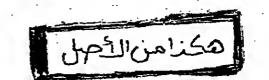
FISHING Spain has suffered from the international 200-mile limit: Government efforts to solve the problem.

LABOUR Free trade unions with undefined powers: major unions criticise Government and their efforts.

REGIONAL DEVOLUTION Need for regional autonomy recognized by Government: progress toward generous autonomy for Catalonia and the Basque country.

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**BUSINESS NEWSPAPER** 



CHOLAS COLCHESTER REPORTS ON EVIDENCE TO THE WILSON COMMITTEE FOR THE FINANCING OF INDUSTRY AND TRADE

## TUC proposes new £1bn. lending facility

WILSON COMMITTEE to day publishes its second inne of oral and written evidence on the financing of dustry and trade.

The written submissions aiready published of the infederation of British Industry, the Trades Union Congress of the Association of Independent Businesses are reproduced he by side with the transcripts of hearings at which the industry is antiparticle in the sector. mulitee discussed this written evidence with its authors.

Here are presented some of the more striking comments tich were made at the three hearings, grouped by theme ther than by interest, in contrast the points of view expressed. Contral to the sections reproduced is the proposal in the inten evidence of the TUC that a new lending facility he sublished ready to invest fibm a year in industry and funded prout of North Sea oil tax revenues and half out of the net new of funds into investing institutions. The TUCs aim is the institutions more directly involved in manufacturing

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-topic which discussion of the problems of small businesse has loomed large in the evidence presented to this committee so far.

Both the CBI and the Association of Independent Businesses deal extensively with this problem. Both stress taxation and its effect on the supply of private capital and the will-power of the entrepreneur as major factors. Both add that the volume of time-consuming legislation with which a small company has to comply 14 another.

But the CBI and representatives of small companies appear to disagree on the "information gap "-the supposed ignorance of small entrepreneurs of possible sources of finance from institutions. The CBI raises this as a problem: the small businessmen ponb-pooh lt.

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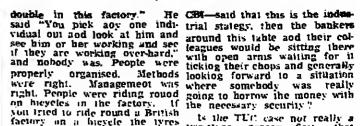
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\* Then check that you haven't left the gas on and unlitor that a pilot light has not gone out.

If you suspect a gas leak, turn off the supply at the meter-and report the leak. Do this at once. The number's in the telephone directory under Gas-and we're on call 24 hours a day.

We'll come quickly and deal with the problem. And if you smell gas at work or in the street, please report it at once. Don't leave it to someone else.

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## **OTTO WOLFF AG** COLOGNE/GERMANY

### The Otto Wolff Group in 1976

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Unlike the general economic development, 1976 was yet another Unlike the general economic development, 1976 was yet another year with heavy losses for the German steel industry after 1975 had generally been the weakest of all post-war years, which produced the slogan of the 'crisis within the crisis.' Although steel husiness is one of the main activities of the Otto Wolff Group, sales increased again in 1976 and as a whole the year closed with a satisfactory result: consequently Otto Wolff AG were in a position to increase their dividend from 6% to 7%. This improvement, in which Otto Wolff Handelsgesellschaft mhH contributed again in 1976 has its hasts in the well-balanced

mhH contributed again in 1976, has its basis in the well-balanced mhH contributed again in 1976, has its basis in the well-balanced structure of the group. The coexistence of different business activities enabled like group as a whole to halance and absorb negative influences which occurred in individual branches. Con-solidated external sales of the Otto Wolff Group went up from DM 2.600 th DM 3.000 m. Otto Wolff AG which serve as the sales organisation for the sheet and tinplate production of Rasselsiein AG, Nerwied, and Stahlwerke Borhum AG, raised their sales by 17.7% th DM 1.389 m. Cold-rolted sheet, which had suffered most from the worldwide the restructuring operations in prozzets. In soile of investours of the present negative range Otto Wolff-Humburger Bau GmbH of Neonkirchen/Saar, in Otto Wolff-Humburger Bau GmbH of Neonkirchen/Saar, in

were positive. The same applied to the French participations Ferromontane S.A. in Paris and SIBOM S.A. in Dijon, Hommel Haudel GmbH, Colngne, distributors of machine and

hand tools, in 1976 celebrated their 100th anniversary. Sales were up by 31.5% to DM 91 u. This increase being far beyond branch average was equally achieved by tool and machinery business. Operating results were positive.

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Although the development was not quite satisfactory in terms of orders received, the husiness year 1976 brzeight an increase in sales of 14.5% in DM 138.7 m for Eisenwerk Weserhätte AG. Bad theynhansen. While excavator sales declined, business was very brisk especially in plant engineering and in the field of hard crushing, so that the overfill annual result was hetter than that of the year hefore. Positive results were also achieved again by the affiliates and participations in Australia and South Africa in 1976. After the Spanish affiliate, Weserhülte S.A., Madrid, was set up in 1975. Weserhülte Equipamentas fadastrials Lida, was founded to Blo de Javier (Equipamentas fadastrials Lida, was founded in Rio de Janeiro'Brazil this year, and preparations were made for setting up own comoanies in North America. Largely and constantly working to capacity. Maschinen-und Bohrgeräte-Fabrik Alfred Wirth & Cu. KG, Erkelenz, went beyond

bonrgerate-raphs Auren wirro & Lu. Wi, Erkeinz, went beyond the DM 100 m sales mark fur the first time in 1976 tas against DM SI m in the previous year), with a good operating profit. Here, all programme areas showed an increased demano for special-purpose machine construction. Tube tooling machinery, tunnel drilling and large pile drilling equipment as well as serve fasiening devices for pueper power stations have opened up new merkate

which the previous steel construction ectivities of Otto Wolff AG product in the standard sleel field during the year under report, which the previous steel construction ectivities of one from the product in the standard sleel field during the year under report, and Neunkircher Eisenwerk AG are combined, continued to inter Total sales rose by 53% to DM 601 m, with exports up only 10.8% or the and cooscilidate their manufacturing capacities. Due to order

## LABOUR NEWS **Firemen's officers** may join strike

### BY OUR LABOUR STAFF

As the executive of the Fire More than half of the 160 Brigades Union decided yester- part-time fromen in the county day to see if a meeting with the nf Avoo appear to be on the Prime Minisler could provide any point of resigning from the FBU sigo of a solution to the firemen's and joining the Retained Fire dispute, the fire death toll during Fighters Union whose members the 15-day strike rose—with five are ool supporting the strike. deaths yesterday-in more than FBU officials admit that there

anid growing reports that fire county but say it will have on officers, who are crucial to the general effect on the solidarity troops' fire-fighting efforts, were of the strike.

Production at the Port Melrion joloing the strike, officers in Strathelyde are planning an pottery works. Sloke-on-Trent, conergency meeting this week in was at a slandstill vesterday consider whether or not to stop after fire swept through the

work. three-storey factory. No one was Officials of the Stratbelyde injured hut two kilos were branch uf the Fire Brigades destroyed and home and export Union said yesterday that there orders will be affected. Police bave stepped up their was an increasing feeling among ollicers that their assistance to investigations after the tenth 1700ps was prolonging the strike, case of suspected arson at and that had not been their London's Middlesex Hospital in original intention. the past Iwo weeks.

Mr. Richard Knowtton, the A move to stop about 200 area's firemaster, said however, miners in Noitinghamsblre con-that at the end of last week there tinuing their work as part-time Mr. Victor Matthews, chair-man of Beaverbrook, said that the 17 per cent, pay deal was. "self-financing." He believed it would be possible to run the Daily Express with 20 per cent. Eewer journalists\_than\_at prosent, but: "1 am guite happy with the 10 per cent. reduction we have achieved." The present staff is 599 journalists in London; Manchester and Ghasgow; although chapel officials believe there is some doubt about the had heen no resistance from the Bremen failed at yesterday's officers lo continuing their work meeting of the Nottinghamshire with the troops. NUM area council.

## **Union leader urges** flour price freeze

## New peace bid at Eaton Axles

### BY OUR LABOUR STAFF

TALKS were held yesterday between Eaton Axles management and union officials io a hid to end the four-month dispute involving production workers at the Durham factory. The dispute has halted axle production at the plant which supplies about a third of the axies used by small and medium cummercial vebicic manufacturers. Eaton Axles says the effects

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to which the men belong bot

although further talks are expected the company is not oplimistic about an early

The dispute gross over when consolidation of bonus and other payments should stert. The men began a work to

rule and policy of non-co-opyra-tion in July which the company-says led tha 50 per cent, drop, in production. At the end of September the men were locked out.

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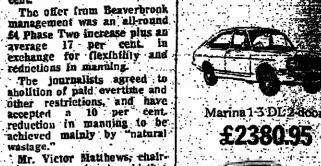
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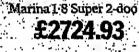


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decline in demand in the previous year, held its ground as the best

decine in demand in the previous year, neid its ground as the part report. Total sales rose by 33% to DM 601 m. with exports up only 10.5% whereas domestic husiness was increased by 455%. Sales of tinplate were also higher again than in the year hefore. While export sales remained at their previous level, the domestic up to DM 420 m. the total increase thus being 84% tot DM 420 m. the total increase thus being 84% tot DM 420 m. the total increase thus being 84% tot DM 420 m. the total increase thus being 84% tot DM 420 m. the total increase thus being 84% tot DM 420 m. the total increase thus being 84% tot DM 420 m. the total increase thus being 84% tot DM 420 m. the total increase thus being 84% tot DM 420 m. the total increase thus being 84% tot DM 420 m. the total increase thus being 84% tot DM 420 m. the total increase thus being 84% the full impact of the recession year 1975 reached Elsenandi terevision of the ratio course again after the preduction of hot ratic electrical sheet at stallwerke Bochum A recession of the year hefore. Sales wert up 5% to DM 306 m the staff receives wither of the reason was received when side or oblic the ratio of the major participations, are still working at a log and development work had made it possible to product the rations erason with receives on year 1975 reached Elsenandi file to pay a vidend in 1976. Elsen und Hüttnewerke AG have since to anulaerured hot rolled. Only be multicalled recores which previously could annual entred hot rolled. Only M and in folde de on-ferrans production annual entred hot rolled. The dividend from foregring 10% level to Tot. thin wolff tran a rew trading arganization. The use the uses previously in the staff unions. The acceled bot rolled. The dividend from foregring 10% level to the recession year 1976. Coudersed Bolonee Sheet to December 31, 1976 thus the ratio was boloneed bot rolled. The working the tails in proposed reforms products hould be able to achieve a satisfactory result in 1977, 10% (free m

with an Iranian partoer. This company is scheduled to develop new activities in addition to the sales of tinplate which presently is the major line of husiness, One Wulff Handelsgevelischaft mhH. Coingne, which mainly

deal as distributors of rolled steel products from mills outside the Otto Wulff Group, were able to increase their sales to DM 904 m from DM 814 m in 1975, when a sharp cut had occurred. As empared to the total volume of sales, it was again the domestic business which had a higher growth than the export trade.

Cold rolled sheet was the main basis of this development. In the product lines other than steel, plastic products expanded further indicating material was added to the product range. Expirit sates of Ottu Wolff Hamtelsgesettschaft increased by  $7^{\circ}_{\rm p}$ .

This was mainly due to an expansion of the trade to special products tsuch as cold rolled strip, wire, non-ferrous productst as well as to the high domaind from the oil-producing and Connecon Countries On the other hand the standard steet business in Europe and most third constring was disappointion. Satisfactory results of the German subsidiaries of Otta Wolff

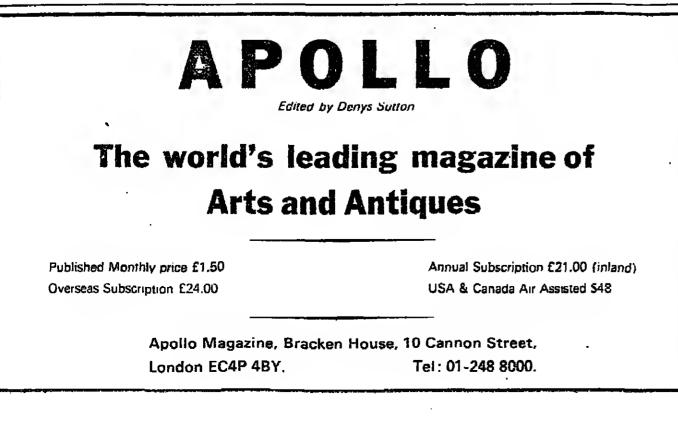
Handelsgeselischaft were again made possible in 1976 by continued expansion of their sales orogrammes. The foreign affiliates showed an overall profit as well.

to view of a cautious assessment of the suspices of 1977 the Handelsgesettschaft strengthened their efforts in 1976 to enoceo-trate their activities geographically ioto larger units and to stresso-

line their product-iniv. Ferrum GmbH of Saarbrücken, a tradiog company dealing to scrap, plg iron, rotted steet products, pipes, uon-ferrous metals and fuels, continued to re-structure their sales programme and were able to increase sales by 19.1% in DM 257.8 in. Again overall results

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## Leyland package in trouble

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Marketing staff cuts

BY DAVID CHURCHILL

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### Raleigh men to stay out

### BY OUR MIDLANDS CORRESPONDENT

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PRODUCTION LOSSES at T. t. Production of Princesses and of all mempers. Raleigh, Nutlingham, will reach Marinas at Cowley, Oxford, is Leicester and south Derby. Elm. today. Shop stewards hampered, and Chrysler is likely shire miners have asked the coal decided to prolong the nine-day to be affected by the end of the heard to introduce a produc-pay strike indefinitely. Nu meet, week on Sunheams and Avengers, itvity scheme, but Mr. Len in addition in lost Christmas. Five unions sock a two-part shire NUM, said: "We have not sales of meycles, components rise of E27 a week to bring their gone as far as that. We decided and toys, lack af venicle seat carnings, including neutring, up to stick to the rules and put our frames from T. I. Cax, a sub- to the national average, plus a request to the nabonal execu-sidary, is beginning to affect the 10 pre cent. Phase Two increase, there idea may have been motor industry. About two-thirds. Management has offered the turned down nationally we been motor industry. About two-flirds Management has offered the turned down nationally but we nf T. I. Baleigh's floom-a-year 10 per cent, and discussion of a feel that some areas may still external sales are for export. self-financing productivity deal, wish to go abead with it now."

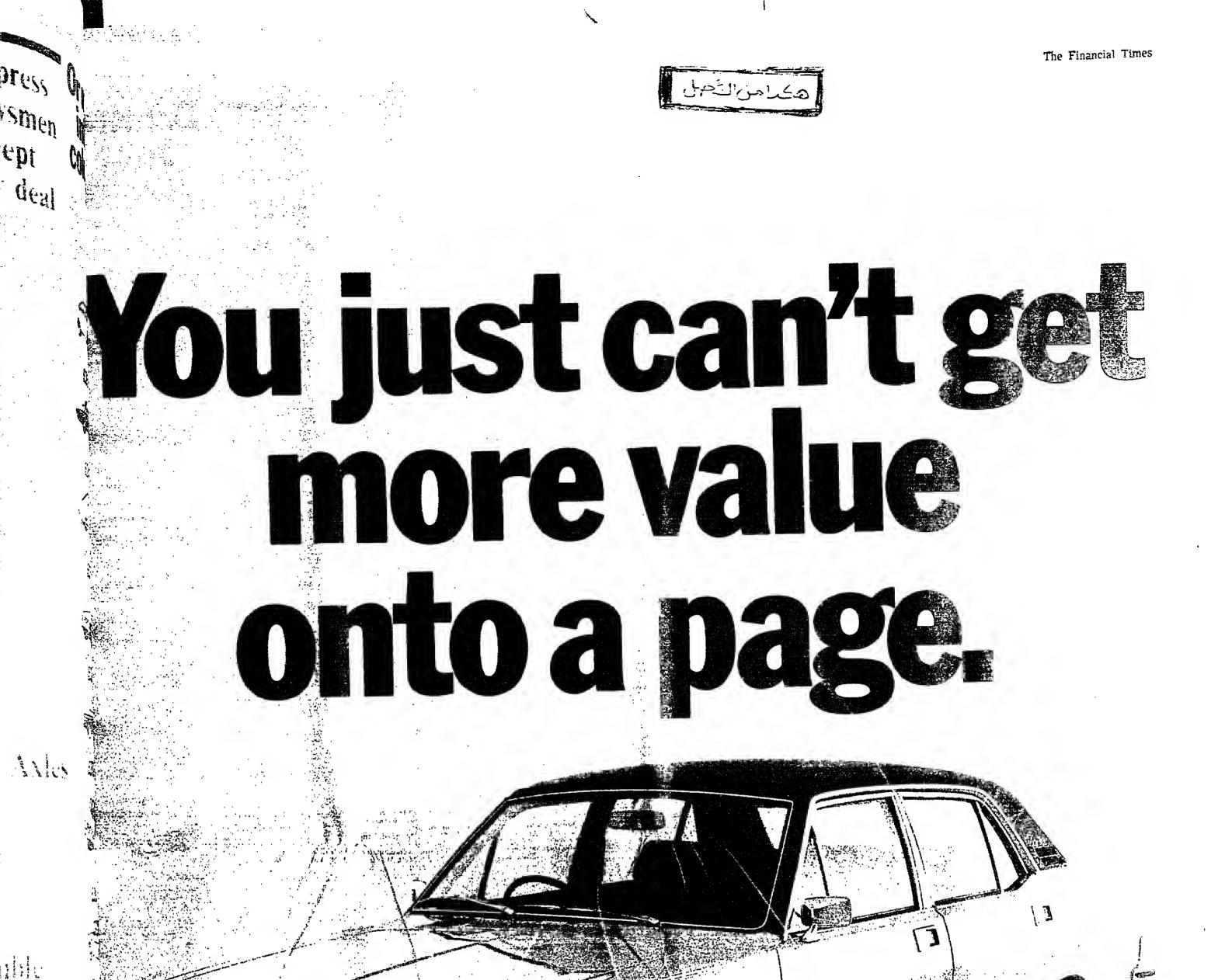
## Vital Post Office talks to-day

### BY JOHN LLOYD, INDUSTRIAL STAFF

A MEETING lu-day of the Post The two largest unions—the adopting a "constituency" solu-Office unions will be crucial in Union of Post Office Workers tion for the management unions determining whether or not the and the Post Office Engineering —whereby the seatholder from proposed scheme fur worker Union—are claiming two seats are unlow the seatholder from

impasse will be overcome by Board.

next January 1 Negotilations on how the seven seats carmarked for worker-directors are to be shared among the eight unions involved have heen held up for some months by the problems of which While it to be the problem of the five manage-the problems of which while it to be the problem of the five manage-the problems of which while it to be the problem of the five manage-ment unions.



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## PARLIAMENT and POLITICS

## Steel investment goes ahead, says Varley

### BY IVOR OWEN, PARLIAMENTARY STAFF

A FREEZE on investment next people would almost certainly Pressed by Mr. Michael Mar-A FREEZE on investment next people would almost tertainly shall (C., Arundel) to set him-year by the British Steel Cor- be thrown out of employment in shall (C., Arundel) to set him-poration, currently losing money other joha elsewhere in the self a deadline for taking the at the rate of £500m. a year, was country as a result of the extra "crucial decisions" involved, at the rate of £500m. a year, was country as a result of the extra "crucial ruled out by Mr. Eric Varley, taxation imposed. Mr. Va Secretary, in the Industry Commons vesterday.

"There is no question of bad done extremely well with intend to go further than that stopping the BSC investment pro-gramme," he insisted, replying to anxious questions from both sides of the House ahout the action to be taken to deal with the Corpor-atioo's financial crisis. Mr. Varley acknowledged the Mr. Varley acknowledged the

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ation's mancial crisis. Mr. Varley acknowledged the woo work in that industry," he substantial, profitable and ex-need for urgeocy in tackling the said. serious problems confronting Mr. Robin Hindgson (C., the isdustry. Giving the assur- Walsall N.) asked if the Miniater ance that there would be invest-accepted that if BSC was to gel conservative beches—that we mean by BSC next year, he its staffing levels joto line with meet by BSC next year, he its staffiog levels ioto line with stressed that the level had still its major competitors, it would to be decided. have to shed betwees 40,000 and

Tory MPs roared their 60,000 jobs. approval whee Sir Keith Jnseph, A major improvement in Mr. Tim Renton (C., Mid-shadow Industry Secretary, chal- productivity was also required Sussex) protested that the

taxation imposed. Mr. Varley underlined the Mr. Varley reminded the urgeocy of the discussions which Opposition henches that BSC were being undertaken. "I don't There is no question of bad done extremely well with intend to go further than that

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can opt out of this major and pre-eminently manufacturing industry.

# shadow Industry Secretary, chal-productivity was also required Sussex) protested that the leoged the Minister to say to reduce the level of operatiog Goveromeet's intectioos with whether aoy other oatiooal steel losses which, together with regard to the future of BSC were share of its domestic market as counted for 20 per cect. of the subject of a "conspiracy of BSC. public sector horrowing require oationalisation had made the Mr. Vartey answered that situation worse than it might these questions were among the totherwise have been. matters uoder urgeot discus-dustries bave been. The also warned that bowever sion with BSC and the TUC much taxpayers' money was Steel Industry Committee, which spent oo saviog johs in British he would he meeting again to Steel, an equal number of day.

## Leyland share of sales 'serious'-Minister

### BY IVOR OWEN, PARLIAMENTARY STAFF

BRITISH LEYLAND'S share of aware of the importance of a the NEB would receive British the car market was described as balanced range of models, while Leyland's revised corporate plan "extremely serioos" by Mr. Mr. Thoy Dorant (C., Reading around the ture of the year. It Eric Varley, Industry Secretary, N.) emphasised the value of would be for the Government to in the Commoos yesterday, middle-range cars and sald the decide how to make its views before bis meetiog with Mr. British Leyland distributors known to the House. Alchael Edwardes, the company's were not coovinced about the Duriog later exchanges, Mr.

hew chairman. He recalled that the Ryder plan had eovisaged that Britisb Leyland would obtain 33 per tent. of the market tent. of the market tent. of the new Mlni. Mr. Varley replied that these industry spokesiozo, said the bad lovested a great deal of the bad lovested cent. of the market. Mr. Hal Miller (C., Broms-

"It is much lower than that," grove and Redditch) pointed hargaining date, which had now paid Mr. Varley. But be told out that the money which the bees vetoed by the TUC, MPs, some of whom expressed House had voted for British He urged the Covernment to

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He urged the Covernment to APS, some of whom expressed House had voted for British He urged the Covernment to concern about the range of Leylaod had been provided on make it clear that it would hack British Leyland models, that be the basis of the Ryder plan. was confident that the newly- "If that is now to be changed —if such backing was required— established British Leyland or overtaken by events, it will on a common bargaining date. Board would tackle the matter be necessary to come hack to Mr. Leslie Hinckfield, Under-as quickly as possible. Mr. Richard Page (C., Work- proval of the necessary funds," matter was still under considera-ington) called for an assurance he cootended. that the new chairman was fully Mr. Varley told the House that taken of the views of the TUC.

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### BY IVOR OWEN

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## Callaghan backs PR Foot plans more control Euro-vote in bid over EEC legislation to help pact partner

### BY RICHARD EVANS, LOBBY EDITOR

THE PRIME MINISTER, In an effort to support Mr. David Steel's position on the Lib-Lab pact, yesterday put bis per-sonal influence behind the Government's recommendation for a regimal list system of elections proportional representation in the furthcoming direct elcctions to the European Parila-

Mr. Callaghan tuld a special jniot meeting of the Cahinet and Labour's national executive committee, called to dis-euse party tactics on the Common Market, that be intended in vote for PR. Bot he made no attempt to apply pressure on, anti-Marketecrs.

who soce more showed how deep party divisions are over membership of the Commuoity. The Prime Minister's purpose io stating his intentions. in advaoce of the Commons vote next mnoth on the method of electing, was to give snpport to Mr. Steel, whn is order increasiog pressure from maoy party activists to break nff the pact shoold the regional list system be rejected the

nn Labour votes. Mr. Steet met Mr. Callaghan fur 50 minutes at the Commons yesterday io the latest in a series of meetiogs about the pact, but there was nn indication that the Prime Minister was able to harden op his promise to use his best eodeavours nver the PR

system. In practice the Premier has little cootrol over Labour MPs nn this issue. As there will be a free vntc, it is likely that any attempt to co-erce Labour would be backbencbers

counter-prodoctive. If fewer, Laboor MPs vote fnr PR than nppose it, as is quite probable, there is every prospect that a special Liberat Assembly will be called to discuss the foture of the pact. Mr. Steel could then find himself io an extremely oocom-fortable positino within his

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party. Mr. Callaghan weot as far as he dare to give support in the Liberat leader at the jnint Cabinet-NEC meeting when he sharply reminded his party critics that had it out been for the Lib-Lab pact, they might have been sitting round the table.

What had been organised as meeting tn discuss the whole issue of Common Market strategy following the Prime Minister's proposals far radical reforms degenerated inlo an untidy squabble over direct

Three of the Premier's sternest critics, Mr. Ian Mikardo, Mrs. Barbara Castle and Miss Joan Maynard, all demanded that the European Assembly Bill should be withdrawn as it was cootrary to party policy. But Mr. Callag-ban, backed by Mr. Michael Foot, insisted that it would go

Mr. Callaghan stressed that he would oot be a party in breaking Britain's word on an internatinoal commitment. The Prime Minister pro-

posed that a joint committee should be set up by the Cabinet and the NEC, and this will be discussed at the oext meeting of the executive in mid-December. The purpose of the working group will be to monitor the proposals for EEC reform and to ensure that momentum is maiotained. Mr. Callaghan recommended

that rather than prodoce a loug shopping list of relorms, it woold be more sensible in proceed sinwly over a num-ber of years. He appeared in

place most emphasis on reform of agricultural pulicies. Once the crucial vote no the method of election to the Eoro-

This was disclosed in MPs hy Mr. William Whitelaw, the deputy leader, although he stressed that the decision has yet to be taken by the shadow

Cahioet. A free vote on the Tury side whuld pot Ministers io some difficulty as they would not be able to rely on Conservative votes as they did on the second reading of the Bill. On a free vote, the Tories would be likely to split three ways.

### BY JOHN HUNT

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Now, said Mr. Foot, this re-commendation should be ex-animed afresh. In fact, be would carry the matter consider-ably further and say that pro-better arrangement between pro-posals being discussed at setures of the House and Brussela by British MPs should procedures of the House and Brussela by British MPs should procedures of the Market. mentary debate, but of Parlia-mentary approval as well. "I don't know the conclusion we shall reach," he said: "But I certainly think we should look in the Set of the Brussela for improved at it and see whether it is pos-since.

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Westminster greater control similar to that used in Denmark, would arry to pur down a moti will over Common Market legislation, Mr. Michael Foot, Leader of the Commons, said last night. In particular, he said, he would issue a mandste directing Minis Not a low MPS to decide by would allow MPs to decide by in Community negotiations. He also indicated that it was desirable to have greater Parlia-mentary control over the line taken by Ministers during Com-minity negotiations. This would compare with the adapted to suit our own methods. This would compare with the adapted to suit our own methods. This would compare with the adapted to suit our own methods. The adapted to suit our own methods. The adapted to suit our own methods. The moter of Commons. This would compare with the adapted to suit our own methods. The adapted to suit our own methods. The moter of compare with the adapted to suit our own methods. The sould compare with the adapted to suit our own methods.

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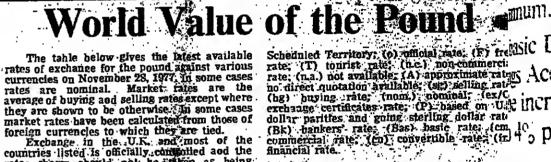
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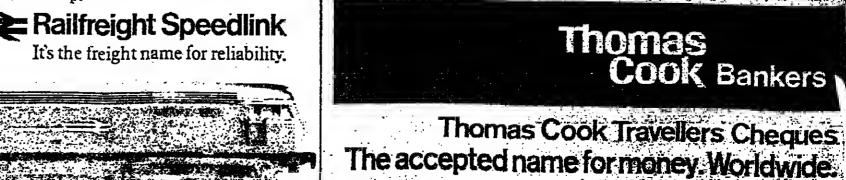
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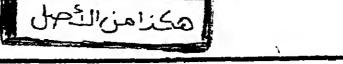
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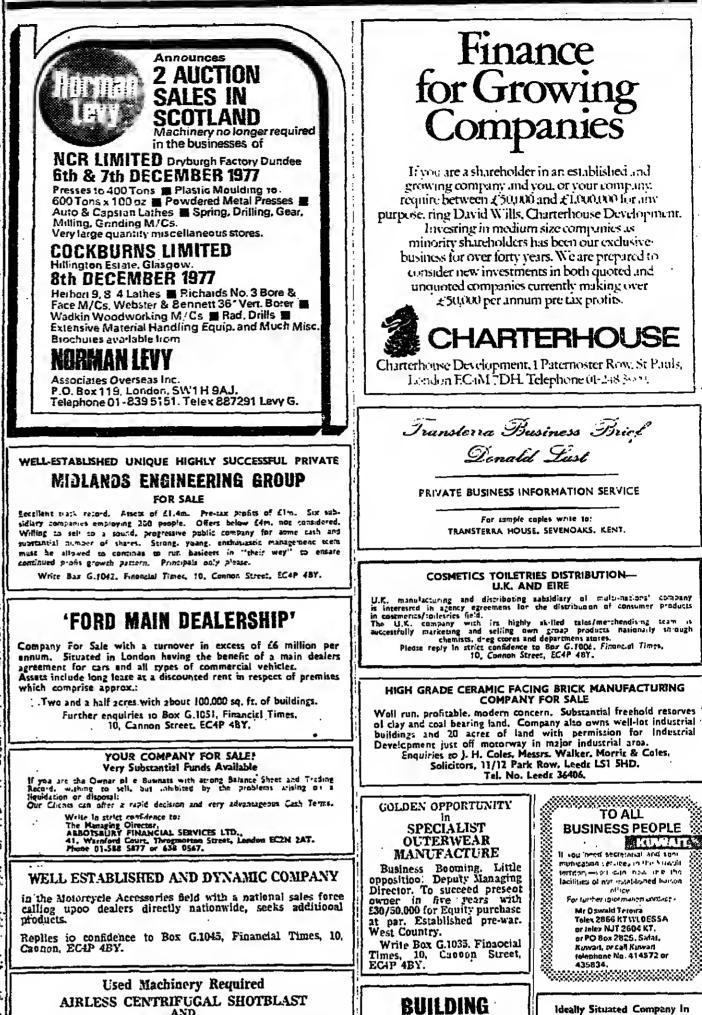


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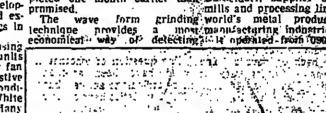
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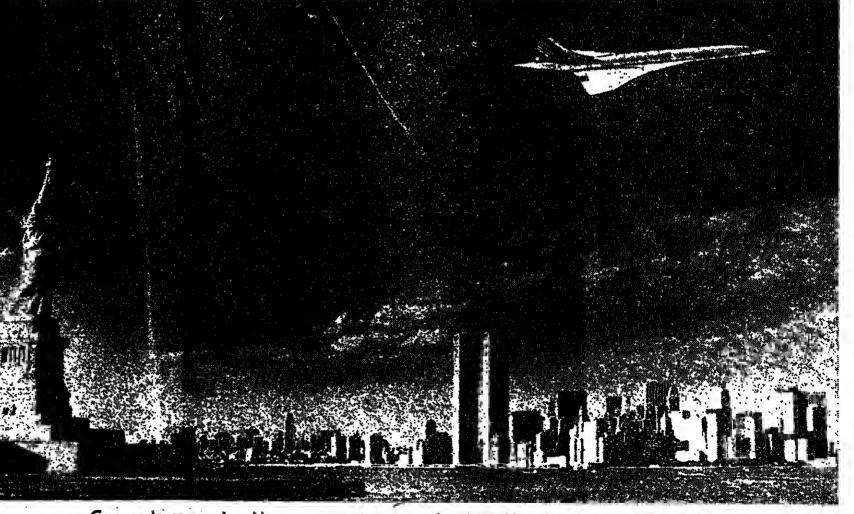
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## Investment funds

level. THE ORAL cridence of TUC and pensioners that they bad witnesses to the Wilson Commit- put up the idea of some sort of tee on the working of financial Government-guaranteed return

institutions, which is in produce on suitable investments. an interim report on the ade- Why, they were then asked, of the institutions in the financ- it secmed that would not ing of capital investment, the involve the institutions "in the anti-trust policy for Europe. other concerns the attitude of way in which we think there is some of the main objects of the be involved." The point was agreed that it is desirable to important market. inquiry.

the need to step up the pace of hy their obligations. This may investment in 17.K. manufactur. or may not be a minutation of the state ing industry during the oext ing: but the idea of a Govern-durade, when we shall be mont-merented of a Governenjoving the hospurary benefit directed investment, together ni North Sea sil, and to make with the tentative together ni North Sea all, and to make with the tentative suggestion sure that the institutions sup-plied the additional finance that that pension funds should move would be needed for this purwould be needed for this pur-nulkely in rouse much enthu-pose. While acception that the siasm among fund managers rate of return on investment was who live in a world where an acceptable means of distin- Governments change. grishing between alternative invosiment possibilities at the Powerful level of the individual company. however, it did not accept that instead various criteria which TUC questioning. He pointed the institutions should abserve out that the new industrial supporting investment, strategy proposed by the TUC priteria which il thought soori. did not exist, that the institufinally suitable for prosting the tions were not refusing in addecline in the U.K. manufactur- vaoce to finance it but were merely arguing that they con'd ing sector. not initiate it. So far as the

### Involvement

Committee's interim report goes, therefore, the chairman When questioned on these seems inclined to the view that points, however, the TUC repre- the level of manufacturing insentatives did not give an restment is to be hlamed on entirely clear answer. It was put such factors as idle capacity in them that Government could and Inadequate profits rather and did regularly interfere in ilian some failure on the par the free working of the market of the Institutions. When it in order to reconcile it with comes to wider issues, however, what was conceived to be the Sir Harold is evidently intermost desirable course for the ested in the growing resources economy as a whole. In such of pension funds, the fact that

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## Mergers: why Governments are thinking again

ANNOUNCEMENT the merged enterprises hecause ٦HÈ made by the British they combine the market share yesterday of ooe with the financial, contindicates its intention to tighteo mercial, and technological re-

up merger controls and to co-It is proposed that, unless an ordinate them at a European nverriding improvement of conditions of competition could he

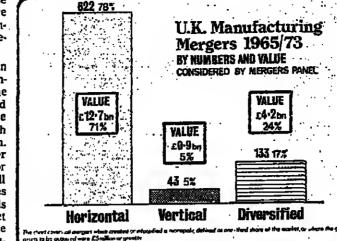
Doubts about the value of proved, the Cartel Office should further concentration of be obliged to prohibit the industry hy means of larger acquisition hy a company with mergers, particularly of the a yearly turnover of £500m. quacy of the financial resources should the Government not conglomerate type, have become (DM2hn.) or more of anuther made available to trade and simply sell additional gilt-edged much more insistent in Europe with a share of 5 per cent. or industry, contains two particu- atock to the institutions and during the past 18 months. Both more in a market where small larly interesting passages. One put up the risk capital itself-a the French and German and middle-size enterprises of the TUC in the proper role attractive to the TUC? Because, the moves which could well he of business. The same strict acquisition by a £500m. com-With the exception of Italy, pany of another which is Sir Harold Wilson himself to a need and a desire for them to all EEC states seem now to be dominant in at least one

expanded later, that the insti- exercise roughly that degree of The operation of the proposed The TUC dealt at length in its mindustrial strategy and would in the revised draft of the FFC new rule can be so well The TUC dealt at length in its an industrial strategy and would in the revised draft of the EEC illustrated by the GKN/Sachs standably and properly, with but are precluded from doing so does not mean that the Commis case—now pending hefore the does not mean that the Commis- Federal Supreme Coort-that it sion will really succeed in reviv- is tempting to call it the "GKN/ ing its pet project. If not dead, Sachs law." The Federal Cartel it has certainly not heen show- Office based its prohibitioo of ing any sigos of life for a long this merger oo the argument time. Though member Covern- that CKN would further ments think that merger control strengthen Sachs's paramount nay be uccessary, for the time position on the German clutch being at least, they are more market by providing it with likely to keep this sensitive area additional financial power. The under national control. Berlin Appeal Court, however,

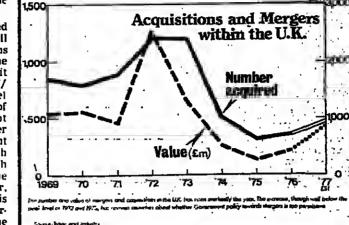
Merger legislation adopted was not convinced that this this year in Fraoce enables- would really happen and orer-but does oot oblige-the authori- ruled the prohibition. The ties to curb mergers resulting change in the law now proposed in a large market share, would create a legal presumplar interest concerns the views Horizontal. vertical, ing light of policy at the of Sir Harold Wilson, as they conglomerate mergers as well cial hacking would increase national level. It suggested emerged towards the end of the as equivalent management and market dominance, and the profit-sharing agreements are all Cartel Office would no longer covered. But there is little need to prove its case. Indeed, doubt that the Covernment will it would be obliged to ban the use its new powers sparingly, merger unless the parties couhaving made it clear that it cerned could prove that in some intends in continue to prninote other way it would enhance comthe restructuring of French octition on the clutch market. industry for social and techno- The Federal Supreme Court has logical reasons and to improve fixed the hearing of the case for its competitireness on interna- February. If matters take their tional markets. normal course it should he

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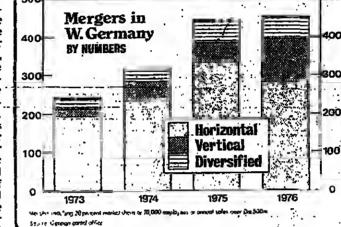
paoles penetrate industries con- Other provisions of the draft not necessarily lead to greater sulted in the prohibition: of firms to expand quickly as new return to the GKN/Series in sisting of small- and oiddle-size bill would forbid mergers of economic efficiency. precisely four mergers in 1973 opportunities open. In the example, or the acquired a start end of the draft acquired a start and to 1975; of a-total of 582 chairs rapidly changing world marker diversify or at least to retain a start and the companies with an approace. Though the statistic method to 1975; of a-total of 582 chair rapidly changing world marker diversify or at least to retain a start and the companies with an approace. a situation, why should the "they are so powerful that they abuses of market puwer by yearly turnovar of DM tube. employed in Germany for deal-lenged under the Competition' and monetary situation. The diversity organized with they abuse the ingent of the state of the competition and monetary situation. The diversity organized with the market buse the competition and monetary situation. The diversity organized with the market buse the competition and monetary situation. The diversity organized with the market buse the competition and monetary situation. The diversity organized with the market buse the competition and monetary situation. The diversity organized with the market buse the competition and monetary situation. The diversity organized with the market buse the competition and monetary situation. The diversity organized with the market buse the competition and monetary situation. The diversity organized with the market buse the competition and monetary situation. The diversity of the situation of the second of the possibility that draft of the Bill is expected to name merging have reached a All a strategy institutions not end, do not know how powerful they dominant enterprices The final if at least two of the contrary in strategy in the possibility that in the possibility that the possibility that the possibility that the possibility that the possibility is period. The final if at least two of the spring and the unover of DM.1b, each All a man projects the spring and the provide the spring and the transforming the spring and the provide the spring and the spring and the provide the spring siderations: it was to enable the large majority in Parliament." Initiated but not completed, turnover under DM.30m, will no instrumt without harming their prior funds operate are clearly to be obligations to policy-holders examined more closely later on. Bolt company has a turnover nver instrumt of a pending appeal. The most important charge annual turnover of less that the more less that the decided according to the decided according the decided according to the decided according the decided according the decided according to the decided according the decided according to the decided according to the decided according the decided acc of Economics would remove the shelved a more radical pro- introduced its first merger con- power industry in the course of as the Government depends on is prohably the strongest i difficulty the Carles' Office now pusal of the German Monopolies trol. But neither country has which 41 controllable acquisi- middle-class votes it must show ment in favour of the Br large really done very much since to tinns were effected. In German, concern for the survival of pragmatic approach. It als has if it wishes to ban mergers Commission that which do not result in an in- monopolistic enterprises should stop mergers. The enormous industry at large. 90 acquisi- small and medium-size hust plains why the German creased market share, but could be broken up but has accepted legal machinery provided for tions, almost one-sixth of which nesses. But the Communist listic method does not acl increase the market power of its argument that bigness does this purpose in Germany re- were open in review by the Party can afford to oppose an great results.



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## Competition under review

WHEN Britain adopted a for- appropriate lines hut also to mal system of merger control establish some kind of recon-12 years ago, it was the first cillation hetween competition West European country to do so policy and the Government's and the approach adopted was drawn not from U.S. practice industrial strategy.

but from the earlier U.K. muno- There could well be a case for Highland laird's polics logislation-namely, that accepting an increase in conthe creation or presence of a centration in some sectors on defence . . . ninnoppig or dominant market the grounds that competitiveness power was not in itself good or in international markets may and Islands Development bad but depended upon the cir- thereby be improved. Indeed. Board has described as "the collisioness of each case. The this is a well-known character- unacceptable face of feudal- . . . and island this is a well-known character-benien nalure of U.K. Gerger istic of the French authorities' ism" and hy the Scottish approach to mergers. In any Nationalist Party's call to more evident in practice. Re-among in the outset and has become error more evident in practice. Rethe Commission to be against Nevertheless, what has been the public interest.

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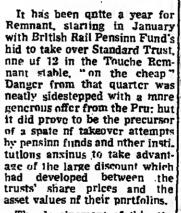
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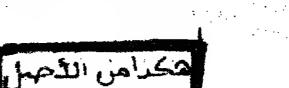
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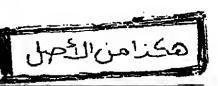
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return of the Inflation still remains one of summer. With the big problems facing of speed limits insurers. Premium income inasis on energy creased by 30 per cent, in 1976 otor claims have and although some of this rise r levels prior to came from new husiness, quite s. GA, the lead- a lot arose simply from or insurer, has inflation. Insurers are still find-e motor experi- ing that internal growth cannot keep pace with such rises and income from are having to reinforce their

ce business con. asset base in order to maintain nonyant. The solvency margins. All the com-tainable on U.K. posites bad rights issues a year ities in the latter or two ago and now it looks ar was a major as if the companies are coming

ing income. In round again for more cash. raised by the Queue made in 1975.

Commercial Union, which led the queue last time is first again this time round, seeking £74m. icient to offset from a new rights issue. Prusses. Last year dential Assurance strengthened net surplus on its asset hase by taking over net surplus on its asset hase by taking over nee business of bandard Trust and there bave been similar exercises by other companies. The continued improvement in underwriting improved per-results this year should belp ency margins companies to maintain an in 1976. The adequate asset base.

insurance funds, Insurance can only operate apital and free insurance can only operate sed to £8.3bn, of stable under conditions ut expressed as of stable currencies. The weakness of sterling last year of premium presented only brought into focus the heavy exchange risk being carried by f such income, insurance companies. This cent in 1975. resulted in certain concessions erage solvency resulted in certain concessions two poiots to 38 from the Bank of England bough this level be half the amount that can than that re- be beld in overseas assets. The authorities, the present strength of sterling has are still seeking alleviated this problem.

Life business last year remained buoyant, with new s easy to see, annual premiums on individual

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INVESTMENT POLICIES of but which, it is hoped, will rise Just how strong have been panies has focused on their ing capital into smaller enter form in which their Ordina Britain's insurance companies in future - and more secure the shifts, in volatile conditions, allegedly inadequate channelling prises. Prudential Assurance shares would have any sign bave letely been the subject of holdings of the fixed-interest in investment by the insurance of funds to the industrial has joined with the Midland cant value. In these circu - from outside.

Trends and policies have 1970s, has moved back to no ditions of 1974 cash was piled Wilson, which underlines the industry's supposed reluctance shares first part of their evidence to cases.

### the Wilson Committee on Financial Institutions, along with a Concentrated

demands from the Labour Party - shough not from the Govern-ment — for nationalisation of interest investments in the life issues, while £27.7m. was The strength of the insurance take on long-term fixed interest issues, while £27.7m. was The strength of the insurance take on long-term fixed interest investments in the life invested in this way in the first companies' argument has clearly obligations in an eta of high investment in property was Six months of this year. been buttressed by the general interest rates and economic unstant for a contained of the investment interest rates and economic unstant interest rates and economi ment — for nationalisation of interest in increase fixed through the take-up of rights into Government bonds.

The argument that invest f17m. and in ordinary shares baps cause some surprise is far, which suggests that there ment policies have responded to f5m. Similarly, new investment the degree of dealing or switch is no overall shortage of funds the degree of dealing or switch is no overall shortage of funds. the needs of industry to a large for the general fund was pre- ing in holding. For instruct and as completely as to the general fund was pre- ing in holding. For instruct and as completely as extent, and as completely as dominantly in fixed interest ing in holdings. For instance, available to industry, though panies to invest in particular has been reconcilable with the computing in fixed interest although net investment in gifts smaller companies may have circumstances or cases, the has been reconcilable with the securities."

need for protecting the interests of policyholders, has equity-minded, which went in vis some £400m, this was the provision for the latter situa- prior obligation to serve the been advanced on behalf of the for gilts last year was Equity difference between much larger tion, it is recalled by the interests of their policyholders. whole industry and not only of and Law Life Assurance Society. total purchases of £1.7bn. and associationa that the insurance Referring to the contrological the seven companies in the There can be no surprise net investment in the Surprise have participated in dring up of share buying in front line - Commercial Union over the recent leaning of most in union of 1974 Assurance, General Accident investment policies towards dian Royal Exchange, Legal and topped 16 per cent, in late 1976 cases of £471m, and sales of also insurance company backing, economic situation, since 1981 General Assurance. Prudentiei end even et to-day's lower levels Assurance, Royal Insurance, and approach 12 per cent, much Sun Alliance and London above comparable overseas levels. As the insurance asso-Insurance.

Meanwhile, as this debete bas ciations say in their evidence to been proceeding, the invest Wilson: "At a time when [a ment policies themselves have financial institution] could earn, been evolving in response to say, 14 per cent. on a risk-free, the latest turn in the ever- highly inarketable long-term volatile economic climate - the gilt-edged security. It had to

bonds in e way which has had margin of assets over liabilities, seen as inflation hedges, at the opposite end of the investment by market values. Obviously, more than £20m, in reporting a generally reckoning the former keeping to the solvency margin is easier the lower the pro-The marked accent on gilts portion is of risk-bearing assets

bas somewhat adjusted the such as shares end property, balance between the equity kind which are liable to fluctuate by of investment - producing in- value - and can fall - with come which is not guaranteed changing market conditions.

a unprecedented degree of type. The ratio of equity (share industry — swings which have sector at a time when industry's Bank and the British Gas stances it is not surprising the scrutiny within the industry as and property) to fixed yield in provoked many political queries capital investment has been at Pension Funds to form Mora- a widespread view develor they have come under examica- vestments, which for some long. on policy — is shown by overall a low ebb. But strong answers crest Investments, also to back among the institutions aby they have come political attack term (life) funds rose to as statistics. Whereas in the abnor to this are mobilised in the in- smaller concerns. much as 70:30 in the earlier mally depressed market con- surance associations' evidence to Criticism about the insurance

Trends and policies have 1970s, has moved back to no up, with buying of no more than striking fact that the long-term to provide kong-term loan capi-been explained in detail by the more than 60:40, or even up, with buying of no more than striking fact that the long-term to provide kong-term loan capi-insurance associations in the 50:50 or below in a number of first part of their evidence to cases. over the 15 years to 1976. markedly thereafter.

Gilts took £1.6bn. out of the One point made by the associ- fact that businesses in other

wealth of detail an the insurance companies 12.300. atoms to wilson is that the countries in Europe are more to promate promate into industry's £30bn. of investments. One leading company which total of net investment in 1975 insurance companies, so far highly geared than U.K. bust ment, it is unnecessary, in and £1.8bn. ont of £2.8bn. in from starving industry, hold a nesses reflects an unwillingness the reply; if to compet investment in 1976 followed by \$1 bn out of much bigher promation of their of the investment record have been fully gilts in 1976 was Legal and 1976, followed by £1.1bn. out of much higher proportion of their on the part of the institutions ment with inadequate retion of their on the part of the institutions ment with inadequate retion of their on the would be against the reply, if the competition of their on the part of the institutions ment with inadequate retion of the institutions ment with inadequate retion of the interests of policyholders. I or competition of the interests of policyholders interests of policyholders interests of policyholders. Viscount Caldecote, said in his Ordinary shares acquisitions than do their counterparts our view the explanation lies latest annual statement: "We absorbed £339m. in 1975 and abroad—where of course there not in a shortage of supply of have taken advantage of [high through the taken of intic of the course there not in a shortage of supply of through the taken advantage of [high through the taken of intic of the taken advantage of [high through the taken of intic of the taken advantage of [high through the taken of the taken advantage of [high through the taken of the taken advantage of [high through the taken of the taken of the taken advantage of [high through the taken of taken of the taken of taken of the taken of taken of

Another concern, traditionally in the second quarter of 1977 capital-raising problems. As to associations in ordinary shares represented Capital for Industry - the the associations say: "This was the difference between pur equity bank-and that there is by far the most diagerous

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Similar principles govern answer to suggestions that the should be direction of invi ment towards industry. If i "It is sometimes said that the idea is that this should be de insurance companies' £2.5bn ations to Wilson is that the countries in Europe are more to promite profitable in. ment over the past year included one or two in instances of the purch investment frusts, an appr

> currently popular also some big nationalised indi As to any unwillingness on acosion funds. Prudential over Standard Trust for £37m beating an earlier from the British Rail Pen underline their Funds, while Commercial Un acquired for some £50m. Est House Investment Trust : Life Assurance Society has to over Artagen Properties. Alliance and London Insury recently announced that it acquiring a portfolio of prop from Rank Organisation. behind operations run by the and justified real doubt as to

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Better news overseas

the attest tota in the unit of the properties industry has been stocking up industry has been st

American underwriting picture crucial area, and here 1977 is This time, analysis argue, the for the, U.K. composite which is dominating the world seeing a much needed return to industry will be more cautious Anstralia, sithough it bonds in e way which has had e beneficial effect on assured current and prospective income. At the same time, the clains of equity-type investments—the ordioary shares and property argin of assets over liabilities.

fl.Sm. to fl3m., although per cent, and there could be a the ratio of premiums to the motor side is perform Royal bas not yet provided for further improvement in 1978. surplus has been going up. The motor side is perform

213.7 m. to 23.5 m. by the end of sector. the third quarter, and CU Operating ratios for the burry. Much capacity was with probably fallen to around 5 showed an improvement of whole industry averaged 105 drawn, especially from trouble cent. After a very bad pe more than £20m. in reporting a loss of just £4.8 m. Meanwhile Canada showed a huge improvement fur Royal, which earns something like a brokers Rowe and Pitman, notably to Lloyda. The industry periform and the pressure: fifth of its world-wide premium income in that country. Under, Swing into profit this year on Capital inadequacy problem.

income in that country. Under- swing into profit this year on capital inadequacy problem. writing profits soared from underwriting with a ratio of 97 With premiums rising so fast. Influences

the possible intervention of Big premium rate increases American insurance companies reasonably well, but com Canada's Anti-Inflation Board in the last couple of years lie have not been so successful in the influences are strong which threatens to spoil what behind the underwriting re- raising new equity as have their commercial property insur-might have been a very rosy covery in most U.S. insurance U.K. counterparts, and high Royal explains its red plcture for the insurance indus- lines. Since 1974 it is reckoned premium to surplus ratios are Australian profits in term try there in 1977. In contrast to that motor car premium rates likely to inhibit, premium "growing competition in

are enormous. Or that they are constantly changing. Or even that they are frequently in widely scattered locations. The real problem is that insurance companies, from time immemorial, have demanded a monthly inventory location by location.

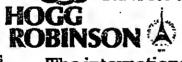
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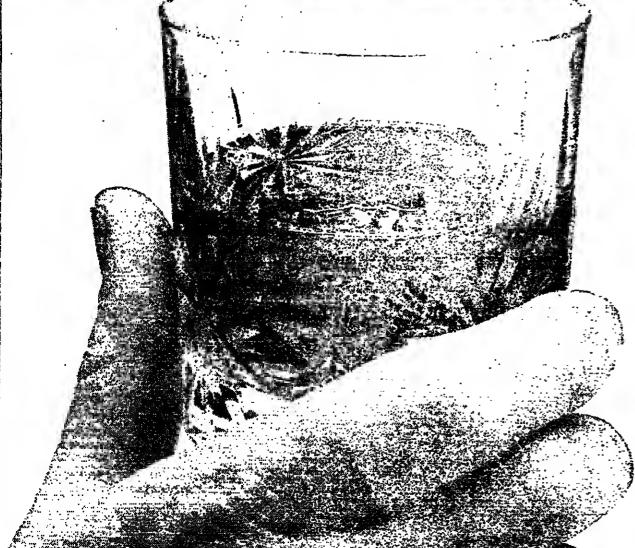
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Meanwhile Meanwhile Continental mejor burricanes, for example, creamed off by the Anti-Infla-Europe has been affected by while San Francisco has yet to tion Board worsening underwriting, at any rate in Holland which is where earthquake. most British companies concen-

trate their efforts. CU has a large interest in Holland, and Significantly its underwriting losses there Automobile claims have also



life business rising by 22 per cent to £341m. There was a significant recovery in unitlioked business after two years when sales remained in the doldrums, with single premium business virtually doubling to £158m. Life business from overseas sources, up to now e very small portion of overall business, showed an increase last year of 32 per cent. in

premium income to £762m. By the end of the year the total value of life funds had risen to £26.3bn.

The control of life and other insurance funds is the prime reason for the Labour Party's proposals to nationalise the seven largest insurance companics. This nationalisation proposal is now official Party policy, although other elements in the Party and the trade unions would prefer investment direction. The letter have placed the blame for lack of investment in the manufacturing industries firmly at the door of the fitancial institutions. The evidence by the British Insurance Association end the life company associations to the Wilson Committee has made it very plain that investment has to be made in the light of the liabilities of insurance compapies and that the prime purpose of these companies is to invest for security. The BIA normally the most reticent af bodies, has embarked on an extensive advertising campaign to get this message over to the general public. Perbaps with hindsight it should have done this years ago,

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he razed to the ground by an For the first time this year the AIB's profits limiting

earnings of most companies, compared with just a handful in 1976. In rough terms, combeen significantly reduced, panies are restricted to a return but the insurance. This is something of a puzzle, - including investment income are ant opfimistic that and th explain it stockbrokers - on premiums of just 3 per be adequate. cent, any profits over and Viewed of Kitcat and Aitken point to the contrast in Britain where the above this maximum level will ance industry tends to: trend is towards an increase in be required to be disposed of from the regular proble the number of small claims. It could well be that the higher by many U.S. motor insurance

in some way or other, perhaps excessive competition, po deductibles recently introduced by fate reductions or rebates. controls on premium levels At the moment there is still nationalisation. All these companies are discouraging some doubt over exactly what culties are visible in va claims, whereas here in the will happen, a degree of uncer countries at present. Fur U.K. excess levels are tending tainty which is magnified by the problems of inflation and y to get left behind by Inflation. different accounting policies of capital markets have been Factors like the level of insurers like Royal and CU, countered in recent years. economic activity and the real Still. on fundamentals the the U.S. insurance indust industry in Canada is much now looking bealthy once a cost of fuel also play a part. industry in Canada is much now looking bealthy once as How long will the upswing healthier than it was, despite and given its prime import In underwriting profitability proposals to nationalise part of in the world context. last? In the past, two or three the motor insurance business in counts for a great deal.

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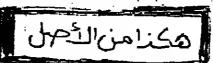
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in premium rates dropping to Some years ago, after a profit creates weakness within the in Deutschemarks. Fra levels which are likely to prove able period, there was an influr market. france, yen, Dutch floring vide sufficient capacity.

or course, a more peak market. Some, for cannot simply let the business added to the list in the furt could be absorbed, the over-instance, may have taken the drift away. They must remain while there may be and capacity for the "bread and view that, with high rates of in the market, writing a reason tages in not having these butter" business would be even interest, profits could be made able volume of premium, even remeies converted into start more severe. It is essential for from investing premiums before if they know that rates are too it is unlikely that the int underwriters in have a goood they had to be paid out as low. underwriters in have a goood they had to be part out as any spread of risk, and it is this claims. Such insurers, however, it is not always appreciated from foreign currencies as basic requirement which has may not have appreciated the that some large brokers, guite stabling. Underwriters led to so much competition. long period over which claims apart from their traditional Lloyd's will continue for are likely to be paid. broking, accept business on be, time being on the old bas Platforms

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pensive oil production platforms

in the North Sea may be in

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amount being written in the Lloyd's market Often, however, those who are insured would like cover of up to \$800m, or

has helped the non-marine

market with capacity problems

there has not been a great deal

Naturally, in the cut-throat balf of one or more overseas conditions which erist it is not insurance companies. always easy to pin down those in some circum At the moment, the cover proresponsible for so much hull and some strength to field vided by the worldwide insur-

at broking negotiations with the business being written premiums which are likely to market. prove too low. The London The traditional man market is often blamed. While ket, therefore, knows that bush the phrase "London market" is no convenient, it consists of the cheaply, but must weather the cut investment established traditional marine storm. A certain amount of thus could be insurance market, consisting of business has been allowed to go repercisions for t underwriters at Lloyd's and the elsewhere, and individual who set out to old-established offices in this underwriters do not always premium (and sector, together with many agree on the best course. loss) on the back of more-if it were available. other companies. Some of these Perhaps in the future rather are relative newcomers, and an Members more help may be available from increasing number of : overseas the non-marine market. While insurers are establishing Lonon occasions the marine market don underwriting offices. the capacity problem has be

The result is that a single made more serious by the larg marine underwriter in London influx of new men (not necessarily writing for one record number err of business in the apposite of the traditional marine in underwriting on January I next, write business at low rate direction. In the praditional marine in underwriting on January I next, write business at low rate

At the moment insured values would not be acceptable to much have joined both non-marine of vessels are still below \$200m., of the rest of the market. This and marine syndicates. While shopped

bulls, it is unlikely that the aware of the exact situation, writers. who entered i overall premium income will overseas insurers may be quite to n the hull side currency thusiastically prove sufficient when the last willing to write the risk at the finctuations have caused plenty may decide either to withe of the claims has been met same rate. The London under of problems in the past. While pracefully of to co-operate "" While cargo insurance does not writer may have been able to premiums may have been paid suffering the market. in one currency, repair costs have a long "tail," rates of pre- arrange reinsurance on favourmay very well have mium have been driven down able terms.

THE BASIC problem which to levels where it is or no pre- One of the problems in the curred in another; and the continues to affect the world- maum is being secured to meet marine market, therefore, is of the repairs may have been continues to anect the world- main is being secured to meet marine market, therefore, is of the repairs may nave been, wide marine insurance market the "catastrophe" type of claim that there are too few under creased not only by inflating is severe aver-capacity resulting which can be expected to occur, writters willing or able to assess also by currency fluctuation in intense competition for many . While those who are insured risks for themselves. Many are For the companies there types of risk. The struggle is might prefer less volatility in prepared to follow others be some easing of the situation to secure business by so many premium rating, insurance blindly, without knowing the since the major internation competing markets has resulted experience tends to be cyclical. full story. This, inevitably, brokers are to start account in premium rates dropping to Some years are or store a profit Greates, waakness within the in Theutychemetra.

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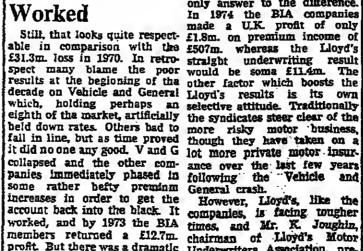
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OVER THE PAST year U.K. -it is all a matter of invest at a faster rate than mechanical The spring did not see the motor premiums have risen by ment income. The companies spares, and the former is the expected slowdown, and the second standard with the standard wit shrinking inflation rate. One of the real problems for investment income of £631m. tend to stay level for a while stabilised and thus the U.K. insurance companies is for a net surplus of £484.7m. and go up in steps. Court relatively cheaper. the U.K. insurance companies is for a net surplus of 5484.7m. the competitive nature of the Meantime the 39 syndicates at motor market. Even at the best Lloyd's include investment of times overall underwriting income within the published results show a very small profit figures. For example in 1974---For example, in 1976 members Lloyd's closes its account three of the British Insurance Asso-years in arrears-premium for about 86 per cent of the was £89.4m. and there was a U.K. motor market, made a profit of £14.4m., or a return of profit on underwriting of a 16 per cent. This figures was mere £1.7m.--a paltry 0.2 per boosted by investment income cent on net written premiums of £3m. cent on net written premiums of £3m.

Premium income is not the only answer to the difference. In 1974 the BIA companies



profit. But there was a dramatic Underwriters Association, predecline in 1974 and by 1975 dicted last September that there was a loss again. It is still a very competitive 15 to 20 per cent in 1978. market. In part this is because General Accident, which is the

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of the effect of the media. largest single force in the U.K. Magazines such-as Which? and motor market, agreed with that Drive briog rates for the various view, and if anything the figure companies right under the con- "will be nearer to 20 per cent. sumer's nose. Motor premiums than 15 per cent." are fairly heity in comparison Frequency

with house insurance or a basic life cover and so the consumer makes a determined effort to There are two reasons why the motor account for 1977 has get the best deal available. It might be wondered why all

been under pressure. The cost the companies are not putting of servicing claims is increasing up their rates in order to make even more worrying, the frea reasonable level of profit, and of servicing claims is increasing how is it that Lloyd's under-Figures published by the BIA writers are able to make a shows that the rate of increase reasonable return from their in spare parts in the 12 months motor business. The answer to to last July was 13 per cent, both questions is closely related but body parts have been rising

The spring did not see and the attained notor premiums have rised by ment income. The companies spars, and that factor in all it has steadied out since a structure around 15 per cent on average, would like to make a pure most important factor in all it has steadied out since the probably ne. It's had have a state of the year underwriting profit, but in the but the most serious motor arts. Fise to date is probably ne. draws near it looks as if the figures that the Association dents. Garage labour rates over an eighth ---- insurers are the state of the same period were op nearly cerned, not least of all bec. This are faither the figures that the figures taken of the same period were op nearly cerned, not least of all bec. This are faither was the figures that the figures to the same period were op nearly cerned, not least of all bec. This are faither was the figures of the same period were op nearly cerned, not least of all bec. This are faither was the figures of the same period were op nearly cerned, not least of all bec. This are faither was the figures of the same period were op nearly cerned, not least of all bec. This are faither was the figures of the same period were op nearly cerned, not least of all bec. This are faither was the figures of the same period were op nearly cerned, not least of all bec. The premiums provide a good new cars note by over 28 period several theories are put month profit figures indicated cash flow for investment. In cent. and of used cars by 18 ward, but two seem the that the home motor account 1976 BIA members saw world- per cent. bad shifted into the red. For wide general business premium In addition the courts take to "feel, the pinch" like drivers it adds up to the pros- income increase by £14bn. to into consideration inflation when other consumer and there pect of another round of price over £8bn. There was an under calculating any loss of earnings might be more willing to price over £8bn. increases in the new year of writing loss worldwide of capacity caused by injuries and, a claim and worry about 15 to 20 per cent., despite a £146.3m., a very poor return payments for the loss of an bonuses later. More impor until nne takes into account amenity (for example an arm) is that the price of petrol Multime within doma-









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ad debtors, the brokers down. If the premiums, were they otherwise would have been, has been more ambiguous. True, he of the former and allowed to grow with inflatioo Equities are still better at pur- the slowdown in inflation and by little of the latter. at 15 to 25 per cent then the suing inflation over the long the rise of the stockmarket has second crisis was the net assets bad to also, or else term than fixed interest securi- cased their capital adequacy level of interest rates, the solvency margin, would use.

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through the financial pertinent to enquire what have against 31 in 1975. But in 57 information which the Depart- mercial Unico. The market did of reorganisation and topping 1973-74 relatively been the results of this surge cases, as against half that ment requires from the company not like this issue one little up of existing schemes. Ed. Unlike the case of of bureancratic activity. Has it, number in the precediog year, in its opening years. There is bit and insurance analysts, hstry were crumbling on offices-claim, required more raising new capital, or in some tively debars all but those com- iog angrily that such an issue enough. Stockbrokers Grieveson

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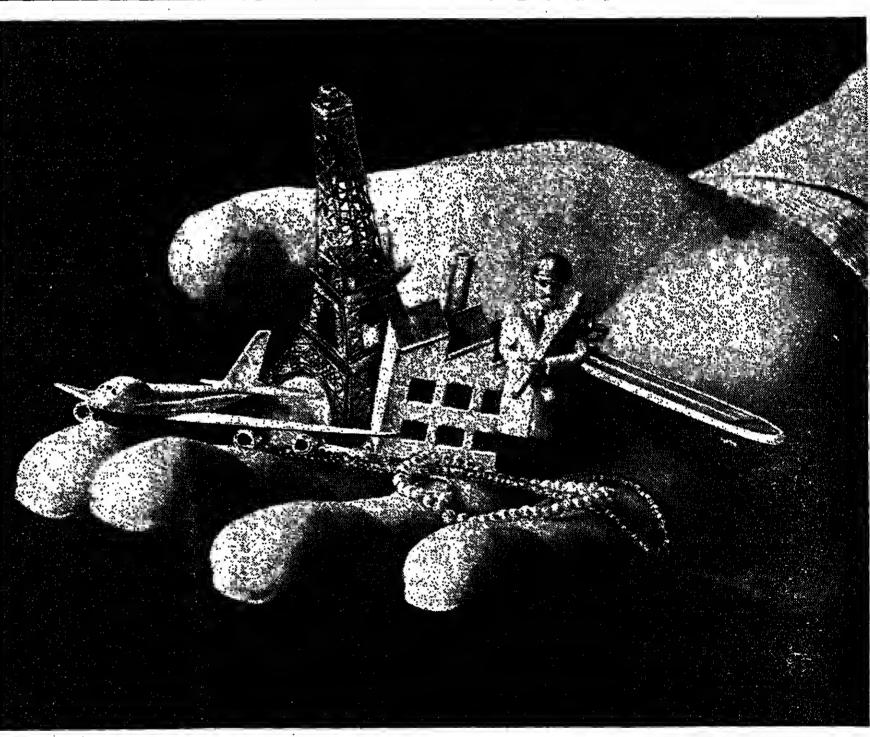
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impean Economic Com- Another possible reason for intractable problem concerns should now be an the slowness is that the direc the recognition of the U.K. type dished fact. But despite tive as such is not likely to make of solvency margin. In the U.K., toing and froing within much difference to the present the margins implicit in the s, very little has been modus operandi of insurance actuary's assumptions for the d towards the hormonisa- companies. U.K. companies have valuation of assets and liabilities non-life insurance set- been operating in Western are accepted by the authorities as regards practical Europe for decades and will con- as providing a solvency margin. tions.

ugb the lack of progress deterred. The continental in solvency margin emerges as an ppointing, it cannot be surers have been introspective explicit margin following a to be unexpected. For in outlook since their formation, statutory valuation prescribed isation of insurance their overseas business remain. by law. harmonisation of two ing a small proportion of the Finally, there is the problem philosophies regarding overall insurance portfolio. The of ascertaining whether solvency te operations. The insur- immediate effect of the directive margins should be determined stems in the U.K. and will be to regularise an exist net or gross of reassurance. operate on a procedure ing situation and move towards However, the amount of life dom from Government a common supervisory system, business coming from the EEC ence unless things go In this respect, the powers con is growing steadily. Last year, In the other EEC coun- ferred upon the Department of premium income from Europe

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### ropean Parliament next Outlook and there is every hope

will be approved by the The vision still held by some This means that brokers and this year or early next insurance people of a grand other intermediaries can set up this hurdle has been European insurance market as in EEC countries, providing It goes to the Councel of the dominant force in world in. they fulfil the necessary basic rs working party. Surance would appear to be qualifications. This represents while there has been several years away. Harmonisa a large step forward, hat it does rable chafing at this lack tion is o necessary step towards not from brokera until there is ress, and last March the this goal, but its fruition will from brokera until there is joyernment inspired a need a theore in outlook from freedom of establishment 6 ress, and last March the this goal, but its frintion will freedom of establishment. A sovernment inspired a need a change in outlook from UK broker, for example, can iovernment inspired a need a change in outcourt will U.K. broker, for example, can rial directive requiring the Europeans in particular. U.K. broker, for example, can amission to report in 12 The position as far as life will only be able to place on the progress made business is concerned is that the German insurance risks with a : harmonisation. Whether life directive has got completely German insurance risks with a il produce any speeding bogged down. It has been with is to be able to place the risk he snall's pace remains the Council of Ministers work is to be able to place to I. The Dutch and Italian ing party since 1975, and no This directive again nents have still not pro- progress appears to have heen regularise the position. The he necessary legislation made on three outstanding major U.K. brokers already it to implement the first issues. The first relates to operate effectively in the Fre I to implement the first issues. The first relates to operate effectively in the EEG print and the concept of life business being ierman Government has one branch of a composite is harmonisation has not kept is accepted. For the first time common practice, whereas in them out of Europe in the past, it has bronght transport general are two separate operations in that other EEC countries life and them out of Europe in the past is that did not exist EEC or life business, but not if the and the EEC. It certainly was not the both unless it separates both

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freedom of services was finalised last December and comes into force next June is to be able to place the risk

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Expanding life market

for the sectional interests of its members. Any steps taken by THE LIFE assurance industry cent over the five years span, assurance world was a dramatic Some would argue, therefore, cannot afford to be left bel-the Government which affect, or in the U.K. is growing; it is but single premium business, change in marketing methods, that unit-linked has taken by old prejudices the threaten to affect, the existence also developing. In terms of while almost double the 1975 Aggressive, selling through nothing away from the tradit. Now fight the bow roles of of privately held capital are, it sheer statistics the new busi- total, actually dropped over newspapers, by direct sales tional camp, but has merely two twoes of policy have bec, claims, "inimical to the interease ness returns speak for them- the period. This reflects the forces and brokers sales forces added a new dimension to the more clearly discertable, i of Lloyd's and, hence, to the selves. The number of tradi- fall from grace of the single produced phenomenal growth business, contribution that Lloyd's makes tional life assurance policies premium bonds (property, What it also added was not a to the community" and the interest of the interest of the interest of the interest in a first the interest of the added in 1975 was 235m which equily and managed bonds) liftle had feeling in some Quilar.

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tutions, of course, Lloyd's has trophes against which much of such ousiness as there is to ment return, whether through same basis) in 1973. A stronger thing but an expansive moot an interest in preventing its the underwriting in this market make for a healtby rate struct ment return, whether through same basis) in 1973. A stronger thing but an expansive moot an interest in preventing its the underwriting in this market make for a healtby rate struct the premiums trust fund, the pound and continuing inflation. Part of the administration the premiums trust fund, the pound and continuing inflation. Part of the administration more of an interest than most the 1974 fibrancial crisis in the the small aviation) account at prefit of the administration reserves, or as part of the "show between them mean that the recently been moved out are preserves, or as part of the "show between them mean that the recently been moved out are preserves, or as part of the "show between them mean that the recently been moved out are preserves, or as part of the "show between them mean that the recently been moved out are preserves, or as part of the "show between them mean that the recently been moved out are preserves, or as part of the "show between them mean that the recently been moved out are preserves, or as part of the show between them mean that the recently been moved out are preserves, or as part of the "show between them mean that the recently been moved out are preserves, or as part of the "show between them mean that the recently been moved out are reserves, or as part of the "show between them mean that the recently been moved out are reserves, or as part of the "show between them mean that the recently been moved out are reserves, or as part of the "show between them mean that the recently been moved out are reserves, or as part of the "show between them mean that the recently been moved out are reserves, or as part of the "show between them mean that the recently been moved out are reserves, or as part of the "show between them mean that the recently been moved out are reserves, or as part of the "show between them mean that the recently been moved out are reserves, or as part of the show between them mean that the recently been moved out are reserves, or as part of the show between them mean that the recently been moved out are reserves, or as part of the show between them mean that the recently been moved out are reserved. The move is the hear future.

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greater good has not, however, prevented Lloyd's from putting In a grave if muted plea as well

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will be just under 4,000 names The figures relating to the broke on to the scene in the has applied whether those in the book at the beginning of fast-expanding unit-linked side early 1960s pioneered by groups assets, have risen nr fallen. 1978. of the industry are perhaps like M and G. The mantle of There bas been no actuarial in-That should do something to even more impressive, though growth was taken up by Abbey fluence to smooth out the bumps: solve the problems of under on a lower base. New policies Life and later Rambro Life Naturally, the overall im-capacity, iosofar as it still exists, issued last year amounted to which sold millions of pounds pression created is that the units in the non-marine market. The 474,000-a 16 per cent, jump worth of unit-linked business. linked policy is in some way, situation here bas eased since over 1975 and 26 per cent. Im. They were joined by most of the more risky than the traditional

it all that Lloyd's is suffering for single presilum contracts- growth, gratifying as it is, there formance of specific inderlying yet. On the contrary, oderd, gains of 24 per cent, and 94 per bas been a fundamental shift in assets: not just property or

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whet does a pension scheme ing-out terms are finely balanced ing of apprehension, about the year a turther gain of 40 per turk top in a built market through a life company offer so that each case has to be administration aspects, and cent is confidently anticipated but to do that would run the employer seeking to provide looked at iodividually before fingers are being crossed. This sort of growth is impressible to do that would run full carcle. The growing member involves advice can be given on whether to stay in or come out. Life ment mentioned above will others have followed, such as ending up with traditional, advisory service. The 1975 Act, books-moslly a legacy from the schemes. Employers can continue the advisory service. The 1975 Act, books-moslly a legacy from the schemes. Employers can continue the advisory service. The 1975 Act, books-moslly a legacy from the schemes. Employers can continue the advisory service. The 1975 Act, books-moslly a legacy from the schemes. Employers can continue the advisory service. The 1975 Act, books-moslly a legacy from the schemes. Employers can continue the advisory service. The 1975 Act, books-moslly a legacy from the schemes and company service. The 1975 Act, books-moslly a legacy from the schemes and company service. The 1975 Act, books-moslly a legacy from the schemes and company service. The 1975 Act, books-moslly a legacy from the schemes and company service. The 1975 Act, books-moslly a legacy from the schemes and company service. The 1975 Act, books-moslly a legacy from the schemes advisory service. The 1975 Act, books-moslly a legacy from the advisory service. The 1975 Act, books-moslly a legacy from the schemes advisory service. The 1975 Act, books-moslly a legacy from the schemes advisory service. The 1975 Act, books-moslly a legacy from the scheme advisory service. The 1975 Act, books-moslly a legacy from the scheme advisory service. The 1975 Act, books-moslly a legacy from the scheme advisory service. The 1975 Act, books-moslly a legacy from the scheme advi schemes. Employers can con- like most legislation these days, books-moslly a tract-out of the earnings-related is extremely complex, made Boyd-Carpenter schemes. Employers can con-like most legislation these days, books-mostly a regary from the ces. Regular benefit statements one view taken appears to be same. And after all these is there is the portion of the state scheme and even more so by the efforts of scheme-providing very low life companies, with their com-provide earnings-related pen- the pensings may emet. in levels of benefit. Each of these puterised systems, should be and cormercial to satisfy that if the life companies played schemes needed to be dealt with sole to meet this increasing and cormercial to satisfy that if the states the sole to meet this increasing and cormercial to satisfy the states the sole to meet this increasing and the states the sole to meet this increasing and the states the sole to meet the s company which the life companies played schedes needed to be dealt with sole to meet this increasing need. In other words, they pension scheme. assurance industry has for the employer was not entering employer's inteotions. many decades provided a com- an open-ended commitment in plete pensions service in setting up his nwn pension hesitated to advise employers. Finally, the life companies employers—offering a viable arraogements. It needs full to remain in the State scheme provide an investment service alternative to the self-admiois- time experts to explain the Art where it was to their interests for the employer, possibly the tered scheme. and its consequences All indications are that many employers.

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The next service offered by life companies in the company pension field is administration. Company pension schemes are

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It is an administrative maze in which the unwary can easily get lost. The life companies, through years of experience have learni how to cope quite effectively with pensions administration. A significant proportion of schemes which have already received their contracting-out cortificates are schemes arranged by Standard Life, a company which got its benehis structure and trust deeds snrted out with the OPB comparatively carly. The Legal and General is now affering administration services to selfadministered schemes. Once the new State scheme

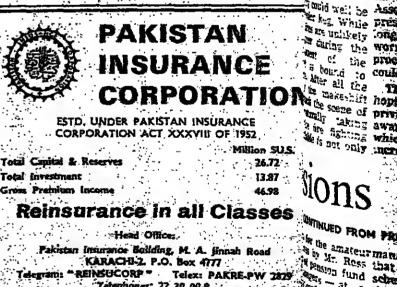
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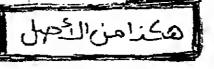
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e impressive record of the decade bas been achieved ance centres. However, continuing importance of

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mt about two-thirds of non- categories of contributor to the trialised countries. premiums come from earnings of the insurance sector ad, while the proportion is -- the companies, Lloyd's and insurance sector's overseas earn- anging 25 nor early altered as , than three-quarters for the brokers. The companies are ings arises from the overseas d's underwriters. The the most important and trading activities of the insur. to the recent change. ing insurance brokers also accounted for £307m. out of last ance brokers. Their involvement in the majority of their year's total of £740m.; this con. overseas has expanded rapidly

pce nuch higher than earlier from portfolio investment. The mment estimates at £307m., brokers\_earned £154m. er than £173m., with the re-

that the total net insurance Sources . pated at £740m.

his represents a 150 per are a number of different panies were generally confident insurance. increase in net insurance sources of earnings from over- about a rise in earnings during ings since 1970 compared seas business. The first consists 1977 because of increased a rise of more than 180 per of the income from trading investment income, a general in the period for the total operations in the form of profits expansion of business and brokers. As discussed earlier, partnings of the City (faster and losses, The underwriters- better underwriting results. average growth came from whether insurance companies or However, Sir Francis noted initial beneficiaries of a fall in ing and 'commodity Lloyd's syndicates-receive the that the most controversial the value of sterling. However ing). Nevertheless insurance premiums for the risks taken on item was the effect on earnings the sharp recovery in the poun ng). Nevertheless insurance premiums for the risks taken on them way ind curve of sterlings the sharp recovery in the pound accounts for 44 per cent of the pourfolio, out of which they of the falling value of sterling during the past year bas signifi-City's total invisible cannon must meet their expenses, and with some companies thinking it contry eroded this bull point for and on its own is equiva, then pay claims arising from would, he positively harmful the brokers; as has been for about 15 per cent of the that business. belp. It is necessary to dis-price performance. Moreover in manufactured goods. This business is either under-taken as an overseas risk and the long-term effects. It is necessary to dis-price performance. Moreover taken as an overseas risk and the long-term effects. The taken is also a limiting factor trade is also a limiting factor is of years has been helped solely operates in this way—or that, "while in the short-term a of the marketing drives of many the of years has been helped solely operates in this way—or that, "while in the short-term a of the marketing drives of many

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he fall in sterling which is passed through subsidiaries falling pound increases the companies. had an immediate effect on in, the country where the value of overseas earnings in his from abroad, and by the business originates. The latter, sterling terms, in the longerict of higher inflation on is, for example, one of the main term there are very consider-

able risks for insurance com several years been the ment income resulting from composites, notably in the U.S. panles which can still occur. .. st single earner of the generally high interest rates. In Secondly, the insurance sector This is because insurance com-threship earnings as the 1976, for example, the net earn- carns money from investments panies are not allowed to coneas income of financial lngs of insurance as a whole held overseas - cither by the vert assets from sterling into milions is known-and as rose by more than 60 per cent, companies or hy Lloyd's. This foreign currencles to match it bas made a growing con- and there has been continued, arises from premiums which are fully their overscas liabilities. has caused substantial

A survey at the beginning of investment income is usually inreign exchange losses for the summer by the Committee ceived on reserves held abroad by the growing volume of m Invisible Exports indicated — for example, on Wall Street business carried out in for the to he paid, and there is usually inreign exchange losses for a 25 per cent, rise in the net The investment income of the currencies were recognised by overseas earnings of the major companies is relatively much Government U.K. service industries during more significant at \$73m., com- relaxation of exchange control 1977. It specifically referred to pared with £30m. for Lloyd's, regulations. Insurance ite of intense and growing bright prospects for insurance because of the much larger panies, in common with hanks brokers and companies, though reserve funds. In both cases, and merchants, are now being this must be qualified compared investment income rose sharply allowed to relain rather larger ress business for London as with the bnoyant optimism of a in 1975 and 1976 benefiting amounts of foreign currency as from the generally high level of reserves. For insurance com-in by the fact that at There are three distinct interest rates in most indus panies, the changes have meant that they will be able to match

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been edversely affected by the The different sections of the pressure on the capital base industry bave varying views on caused by the effects of infla prospects, as was spelt out in a tion on premiums within the speech on the outlook for 1977 U.K., leading to a cutback on by Sir Francis Sandilands, the overseas business. The pros chairman of Commercial Union. As these figures imply, there He pointed out that the compects appear to be rather better for Lloyd's general non-marine

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dect industry could well be Association, while obviously ex-volume rather than bigher architects the cost of fire is on a powder keg. While pressing concern over a pro-rates is naturally more accept damage remains at disturbing number of fires are unlikely longed strike is not unduly able all round. The fire statis levels. The latest monthly is any higher during the proceedings. But one major fire industry and the private sector Insnrance Association which is taking more precautions. The cover September reveal an instrance companies themselves estimated cost of £18.7m. This have severe. After all the The insurance sector is clearly fire is naturally taking awareness to the risk of fire meant available is not only increase in new business—since

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ne, where benefits have a Legal and General property fund anothe never be intgutted. mum guarantee, then the now exceeds £200m. Adivisory aments are held in a com-prool a mixture of equities, get pothing from the State beyond the basic pension, and have to make their own pro-times and property. The beyond the basic pension, and have to make their own pro-singurant of effort into the elimi-interest and property. The beyond the basic pension, and have to make their own pro-vision. The most tax-efficient nation of fire risk. The method is through a pension insurance companies and Lloyds method is through a bife commany, provide the bulk of the finance is do not mean that the contract with a life company. provide the bulk of the finance impany accepts the infla-The contract with a site company. Provide the bulk of the finance in a company accepts the inflamany employers like to at the investor's top rate, invest- tion.". The FPA is a 'central volved in some aspects of ment is made in a tax-exempt advisory organisation providing we in some aspects of fund and the ultimate pension is technical and general advice on nt strategy, or at least fund and the ultimate pension is technical and general advice on

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fremen's strike can only started their industrial action in rates. Increased insurance However, despite these closer the beadaches. As such the British Insurance premiums by way of a greater links with industry and the deed industry could well be Association, while obviously ex- volume rather than bigher architects the cost of fire

after all, been putting an even to date at £166.1m. which is greater strain of the various about £22m. lower than at this fire protection authorities and stage in 1976.

The latest detailed figures it should be a matter of course that industry steps up its efforts evailable are for 1975 and to combat this growing threat, these show that the engineering The need to become more com- sector suffered more than any petitive in industry had led to from the damage caused by fire (ot an area for the amateurmanaged funds has also meant larger factory and warehousing There were some 99 fires costservices in meny forms. The property funds have been sibility of another catastrophe staggering 163 fires in miscel-employer has an insured particularly sought after—the on the lines of Flixborough laneous services such as the where benefits have a Legal and General property fund should never be forgotten. bonses and the total cost bere

there were 16 fires costing over fim. These figures themselves are distressing enough reading

but even more so is the fact that over .40 per cent. of all fires are started deliberately by children and adults. What is more these are only the cases where it can be proved that are spread through the U.K. These panels consist of members malicious damage took place. Malicious damage is regarded as the chief growth area. from the insurance companies

While the figures for the current year so far do suggest a reasonably encouraging trend, there are bound to be a few antious moments in the insurance sector while the current dispute continues. But at least where just oner a mater become more pensions findings together with the most dispute continues. But at least conscious. The life companies, efficient ways of eliminating the state in the last monthly figures investment, media and life are reporting buoyant sales this form where will discuss invest year, following a successful progress has also been mede the association's plea for a by the insurance industry, the association's plea for a by the insurance industry, greater attention to fire dangers, through the FPA, in setting up David Wright E.S. some form of guidelines in

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## Aviation business

THE WORLD aviation insur situation, and would like to see the world airline industry is aided through the exchange ance market is at present a reversal of the trend. The increasingly to re-equip with information and experi-characterised by increasing U.S. market in particular, while new wider bodied jets, each among carriers. It is imper competition for the available continuing to fight for as much carrying more passengers, while that legal barriers, to business, with the result that business as it can get; sees that phasing out the older inarrow- activity must be removed. rates are tending to drift down- further significant reductions in hodied zircraft. It is significant declared. wards, although the premium premiums could be damaging in that in recent years the overall income itself is increasing as the long term to the whole number of scheduled jet airworld airlines introduce greater aviation industry. liners in the world commercial numbers of blgger and more Bnt so widely dispersed is the airline fleet has remained fairly nore expensive jets market that it is almost in the airline fleet has remained fairly world airlines introduce greater aviation industry.

show that in this situation writers and companies to put of 1976 it was 5,597), but with-aviation insurance business is business without risking loss of in that total the number of increased substantially, how parallel amounted to close to £134.4m.,

premiums Serious

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In this situation the London annual report of the Interna- world airlines' recent annual insurance market is concerned tional Civil Aviation Organisa- meeting in Madrid. lest there should be either an- tion the number of fatal accilest there should be entoer all tion the number of fata acci-other "Tenerife" situation (in dents to scheduled passenger which two fully-laden Jumbn airliners per 100,000 hours jets chlided on the ground), or flown, at 0.15, was the lowest He pointed to legal develop-a succession of accidents involv- for 20 years. In terms of pas- ments in some countries which ing large airliners. At a time sengers killed, 1976 was not a are reducing the effectiveness of the lowever. With 726 the LATA's own safety-informa-

nature can wipe out up to half fatallies, but it was still contion scheme, upon which of the gross premium income, a siderably better than the worst depends the airlines own efforts succession of such accidents years of 1974, when 1,299 were to improve safety by getting to would create a serious situation killed on scheduled services, know all the causes of various inceed for the world's insur- and 1972, when 1,402 were accidents. Mr. Hammarskjold ance markets.

would be for the underwriters rate in terms of bours flown in an accident appears to have and insurance companies to appears to be improving, but been replaced by the principle raise the premiums paid by the the Tenerife accident may well that any accident anises through airlines. But this is easier said worsen the overall passenger a "mistake," and the courts than done. Throughout the fatallty figure.

competition for the available world aviation insurance market sons "guilty" of the mistake business, especially from coun- have still not been fully felt. This doctrine of infallibility tries whose insurance markets while the two airlines have has led to a situation where airhave not traditionally spe been reimbursed for the loss of lines, are reluctant to submit cialised in aviation business but their aircraft, there are still accident reports because these which now see in it the possi-outstanding various passenger may be subpoenaed as evidence which how see in it the possi- outstanding varions passenger may be suppoended as evidence 1970s. The insurance of bility of future profitability as liability claims which may take of a prior mistake that is now 1970s. The insurance of world air transport continues to a considerable time to settle, being remedied," said the loss of just one satellite expand in the 1980s and be and the total insurance bill for Hammarskield. "According to substantial — anne \$290 yond, albeit at a slower rate Tenerife may run to hundreds 'doctring,' the mistake should paid out, for example i than in the halcyon days of the of millions of dollars. While the never have occurred in the first days of the European 1950s and '50s. This compute world insurance market to place." 1950s and 60s. This competi-world insurance market is place." 1950s and 60s. This competi-world insurance market is a Secondly, arlines survice (C13) being be soaring costs in all other areas marginal, that it is doubtful Any explicit refere f civil aviation. whether it could cope with even weaknesses and appropriate There are signs on the hori- one wide body jet accident remedies would be damning of civil aviation.

ron, bowever, that some of the annually, without some increase according to the doctrine. The other major aviation underwrit in premium income. pursuit of improved safety star-ing markets besides London This point is particularly dards and proceedings for air recognise the dangers in this important, since the trend in transport is

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iore expensive jets. market that it is almost impos- constant between the 5,000 and Figures issued by Lloyd's sible for individual under- 6,000 aircraft-level (at the end

composed of 17 members. Of ness, very little of this type is a professional service from an these 12 are appointed by the now being sold. From time to insurance ' broker without

business, while it is equally wide-bodied jets has risen subonly marginally profitable. difficult for individual syndi-stantially, with over 306 Boeing, been cases of aviation accid full year for which figures are cates to achieve an interna- 747 Jumbo jets; over 140 Locaavailable), aviation insurance tional agreement on the need heed TriStars, and more than available), aviation insurance tional agreement on the need heed TriStars, and more than premiums paid to Lloyd's mem-for an increase in premium 230 McDonnell Douglas DC-10s bers rose from just over £6m. rates. At best, it seems that in service. The trend for the bers rose from just over £6m. Tales. At best, it seems that in our is almost certainly going failure of a minute part to to about £139m., reflecting the the London market itself must future is almost certainly going failure of a minute part to to about £139m., renecting the continue to seek business to be an increasing number of aircraft instrumentgrowin in the work air trans- wherever and whenever it can passengers carried in wide the instrument manuface port business in that period. get It, while conducting in bodied jets, especially on long- liable to heavy damages. Evicturing a behind-the-scenes haul flights. ever, and in 1974, the claims campaign to improve premium . There are other concerns

income through higher rates. over the whole question of becoming hig business, wit In this situation much in-safety, however. One of these London market once again. or some 96.49 per cent. of net terest focuses npon the overall was voiced by Mr. Knut Ham of the leading proponents of a world aviation accident rate. marskjold, director-general of class of activity. At a time This appears to be improving, the International Air Transport-According to the most recent Association (IATA), at the

when any single accident of this good year, however, with 726 the IATA's own safety information nature can where out up to half fatallities, but it was still contion scheme, upon which nce markets. One way out of the problem killed. So far as the current said that the past need for a year is concerned, the accident plaintiff, to prove "negligence"

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Who needs the Tory Party?

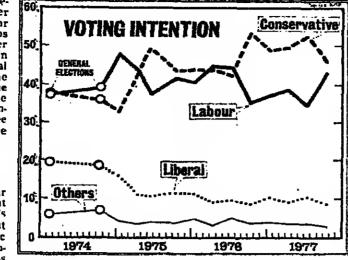
QUESTION has to be the Conservative Party?" Be-i: what is the purpose of fore explaining why the answer Conservative Party? One must be, " pre-'ittle, so far ble answer was given by as I can see, John Biffen M.P. on Sun-worth setting du ls perhaps a disclaimer "a vigorous and successful about the Labour Party. In ism can only be built nut common with a substantial fruitful inter-marriage of minority of the voters (the al economics with an out- abatahners, the don't knows, the looking patrintism," he nationalists, the Liberals, the in a new pamphlet en- shoulder-shruggers, the disen-Political Office or Puli- chanted) 1 see no great source Power? "There is an ob- of inspiration in either of the , and appealing link be two major parties.

self-reliance at nome and inal \_ confidence. abroad," ent on,

Stagnant the the pamphlet is graced It is true that about a year ago the Labour Government foreword by Mrs. aret Thatcher, it might be ined that Mr. Biffen's for stopped banging the country tion can be taken as a dcs head against a brick wall, bu ben of what Tory policy its positive achievements arc Thy is. If that were so the minimal. Our industrial pro-duction has been more or less least there is a choice "\_\_\_\_\_ stagnant since the procide whom they wanted to

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tailing has more in common Labour. in palliative offered by the That said, I cannot for the life ments. To the extent that Conserva- lyn Rees? A Secretary of State that revenue from the North grandister to the anti- of the finite of any reason why To the extent that Conserva- in Rees: A Secretary of state that reveale from the Labour will move getting et by pointing back to- a point from which there could is in tune with majority opinion wards full fundred studiely in the Bath Conservative at the next Conser the has with whet has until Conservative at the next General Labour Treasury is now mone differ radically from Mr. David, inwards full-feilged socialisin, wards the Heath Government in he any eesy return. If the Con- and not a cause of perennial been mainstream. Tory Election. In terms of what Mrs. tarist. Mr. Biffco would like Encals? The important metter and the reason for voting Tory its second 18 months-after the servatives won next year such disillusionment with all politibeen mainstream Tory Election. In terms of what ares, tarist. Mr. Biffeo would like Ennais? The important mener and the reason for young for its second is montas-after the second is montas after the second is montas-after the second is montas after the second after the second after the seco Strong feature of "The For a start, Mr. Callaghan's Labour supports the closed not even Dr. Rhodes Boyson, Suvernment with an overall firement, but it was vilified on are running at the moment this Conservative Party committed a scale that Mr. Callaghan's Labour supports the official Conservative could arrange such a major majority. The weight of the odds a scale that Mr. Callaghan does outcome does not seem very to removing those obstacles my," which is the official of nnemployment that no Con- pollcy is to acquiesce in its change in the policy of the against this may be junged from not have to endure except from likely. It is far more probable would have something positive statement on such matters, servative government would existence. The Conservetives Department of Education as the fact, acknowledged by Mr. the fer Leit A Thatcher government would existence. The Conservetives Department of Education as the fact, acknowledged by Mr. the fer Leit A Thatcher government would existence. The Conservetives Department of Education as the fact, acknowledged by Mr. the fer Leit A Thatcher government would existence. The Conservetives Department of Education as the fact, acknowledged by Mr. the fer Leit A Thatcher government will will will existence. The Conservetives Department of Education as the fact, acknowledged by Mr. the fer Leit A Thatcher government is positive for the fact, acknowledged by Mr. the fer Leit A Thatcher government is favour lower personal taxes: has been menaged by Mrs. Biffen, that "unless the Conservetives of middles right majority next time end mitment it is not even e "bulk" what is the purpose of Again, it may be fair to say Labour too. Capital gains tax Shirley Williams. (Formerly, servative Party can improve its of-the-road, could suffer the that then Labour with the rump wark against Socialism."



hast there is a choice ... stagnant since the present hen they could settle down Government came to office: it that the fiscal profligacy of the would be reformed by the Is still at the level of the three- 1973 Heath Government was Tories: Labour is working on cide whom they wanted to is still at the level of the three- 1973 Heath Government was fortes; Labour is working on for. - day week. One's distaste for the outdone by the wild spending of the very same proposal. The five all know, the truth is attitude of some Conservatives the 1974 and 1975 Wilson Tories believe that smalt hust-there is no such choice. Towards, say, Mr. Ien Smith is Government, but the IMF has nesses must be enabled to due there is no such choice. Towards, say, Mr. Ien Smith is Government, but the IMF has nesses must be enabled to due there is no such choice. Towards, say, Mr. Ien Smith is Government, but the IMF has nesses must be enabled to due there work with a minimum of the three minimum of Theicher describes the six matched by one's distance of noticed the hart that the state; is speeches that make no the ettinude of too many Socia-knew was necessary. It is quite interference from the state; Oh this is all very well, some political image of Mrs. Instener, might win inrough, mit their as a contribution lists inwards, say, the rights of possible that some of the good Labour has appointed Mr. inay reply, but I am perfectly the political passions their can no certainty, either way. There individuel members of trade will be undone over the next Harold Lever to be the Minister of the political individuel members of trade will be undone over the next Harold Lever to be the Minister of the political majority next cannot be ignored. The Conservative Perty is not approaches, but that too would very same thing. is speeches that make no the ettitude of too many Socia- knew was necessary. It is quite interference from the state; in formality as a contribution lists inwards say the viente of

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the department concerned it- Scottish fortunes it will need self with money and adminis- successes in England in match tration alone; now it is address- the levels of 1959 to provide a ing itself to the quality of edu- majority confortable enough to catinn, from a starting point weather the stormy waters of that most parents if not the by-elections."

BY JOE ROGALY

wooltier heads in the National Never mind. Assume a Tory Union of Teachers, would ap-victory. Would it prevent plaud).

list of similarities Thatcher Government, untram-The hetween the parties is in fact su melled by alliances with any lung that it may be more in uther party, would bear one the point to look for differences, immense burden - the there First, the Conservatives would factor." This is unfair and out-be less inclined to be interven- rageous, but it is nevertheless tunist, but this is no guarantee something that must be underthat they would not intervene as often as Labour, consider their track record. Second. they do not favour the Labour form of devolution to national for nothing.

assemblies, and third, they are committed to spend more on

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### U-turn

Mr. Biffen (left) : ilberal economies and outward-lookiog patriotism. Mrs. Thateber: they do not represent party policy.

stuud. Mrs. Thatcher herself is same aroused hatreds merely of Liverels and the Scotlish eware of it: she did not go for whet it would be, rather Nationalists will form another through the political torture of than hecause of what it might being labelled "milk-snatcher" do. To the response "this is in-for nothing. tolerable in a democracy" one learn the lesson of staking all The pulicies on school meals can only reply-yes, but what on a meaningless victory by an

tion pledzed to carry out economic pulsies" to a degree socialist policies of the kind thet his own party cannot U-IUIII that would increase the degree accept. What we really need I can hest explain what I am of collectivism in Britain past is a set of political policies that

committed to spend more on the pointes of senior means can only repo-yes, our work on a meaningless victory of an defence. Important as such dif- and milk that carned her the is to be done about it? overall majority. They might ferences may be, they are nm vilification of those years have For like it or not, it is at at that point negul to do some the stuff of which elomentous since been meintained by least a possibility that an out-really serious thinking about decisions are made. They do Labour, which is arguably right Conservative victory at British publics.



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And the owner and the series at the Financial and if we did not have to cope cleader of the financial statistics users' conference to with two different money supply is the increasing steel which he refers. He has him series, one monthly, based on the developing set over the years provided a banking months; the other to the calender year would mean a change in the financial statistics. October, 1977. Table 7.11 The more developing set over the years provided a banking months; the other to the calender year would mean a change in the financial second Badget is and financial policy issues is in the Budget; but a second Badget is and financial policy issues is in the autumn is in any case is are the whole bushiess and financial done: on a calendar year basis, can be as, they now are, it is not something new, calendar for the convenience of while those of the public sector, in industries as is ray textiles, footwear and financial trusts. Take covers and trusts

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## **COMPANY NEWS + COMMENT** Second half jump lifts Fenner to £8.4m.

POWER TRANSMISSION engi-neers J. H. Fenner and Co. (Boldings) reports record taxable prolits for the year to September 5, 1977 up by £1.4m, to £8.41m. after a rise from f2.88m. to 13.29m. at halfway. Turnover for the year advanced by £10.77m. to 17:1.01m.

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Stated earnings per 25p share are 14.10p (11.57p) and the divi-dend is increased to 6.7p (6p) with a final of 3.95p net.

The directors slate that the current year has begun quietly with a satisfactory work load and a stable order lerel. Having regard to renewed dobuts about a sustained worldwide recovery of industrial aclivity, they feel it would be imprudent, at this early stage, to make a positive forecast for the 1977-78 year.

to the 1977-18 year. the meantime, they have planned for a further growth in turnover and profitability and they say that the group is well equipped, both in manufacturing facilities and people, to achieve success.

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**Scomment** First half carnings are stated Fenner did well to improve profits at 7.83p (8.2pt per 25p share and by a lifth at a line when its the net interim dividend is major markets are still showing stepped up from 0.975p to 0.99p no signs of recovery. Turnover the traditionally better second half is only ahout 8 per cent, higher interim to increase the finat divi-than the two previous six-monthly periods but an improvement in thit costs lifted margins hy almost two points. The U.K. position has improved in time with forecast the finat divi-tion for up received to the second has the two points. The U.K. position has improved in time with forecast the finat divi-tion for up received to the second has the two points. The U.K. position has the time with forecast the per cent begins to the second has the time of the second has the two points. The U.K. position has the time of the time with forecast the fore the time of the second has the time of the time of the second has the time of the second has the time of the ti rup from 49 per cent. to 54 per cept. of total profits; and includes sales cent. of lotal profits: and includes sales .... Concrete & molecular of the past two year's concrete and modernisation for the past two year's concrete and modernisation division. However, conveyor belt sples have been that in the U.S. because of the depressed coal mining industry, and in India, where there is a donestic surplus tax following Governmeot overstock-ing. Against the treod, however, Net profit before there was a slight improvement in South Africa on the back of that country's extensive mining activities. The poor capital inthat country's extensive mining "Credits activities. The poor capital in-vestment climate in the U.K. con- • comment

tinues to affect the mechanical handling division. In the mean The two trading divisions of lime prospects for the shares, at Mursballs (Halifax), concrete and 124p, where the yield is 8.5 per quarrying and engineering, have cont, remain unexcling until been pulling in opposite direc-urder levels increase to accommo-tioos in the first half. But thanks to a strong performance from the

inder levels increase to accommo-date spare capacity. AB ELECTRONIC AB Electronic Components has been reorganised in which the parent, public company is re-tramed AB Electronic Products managed to show a small contract framed AB Electronic Products managed to show a small advance. Group, This re-organisation will Engineering, and especially Hall lumbled 1200,000 in ceflect the increasingly diverse fax Tool (manufacturer of rock the September 30 half year, des-pature of the products made by drilling machines and a poor first training to 15000 in the group.

HIGHLIGHTS

Lex discusses the U.S. trade deficit and its implications for other currencics. Meantime the report of the Wilson Committee comes in for scrutiny and Fisons scores a first as a U.K. quoted industrial company to tap the Sterling-Eurobond market. The offer for Edinburgh and Dundec closes to-day and the whole trust sector is waiting to see the level of acceptance. Meanwhile on the results front brewer Matthew Brown has increased profils despite pegging prices aos

Inv. well up so far

Year 1074-17 1960 15.366 ON TURNOVER down from 51.34m. 10 \$1.05m. profit of Property investment and Finance 11090 1.170 for the six months to September 7.296 30 1977 jumped from f114.006 to 2.094 £439,000, after tax of £28,000, 1.088 against a credit of £10,000, b.021 The interim dividend is inк.Лія 3 418 1.115 714 401 124 238 creased from 1p to 1.3p net per 1.852 El share and the directors espect **491** 495 to pay a total of at least 4p for the full year. Profit was achieved after

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Extracts from the Chairman's Statement Since my Half-year Statement in April there has been an unexpected downturn in Trade in most of the industries to which we are suppliers—in spite of the

Manufacturers of Precision Engineering Components suppliers and on the Political, Economic and wages moves during the winter months,-hut we have a goud order book in most Departments. At this stage I can therefore, only predict a difficult year about hut probably not the unsults.

Directors say the disappointing results are mainly owing to the slow recovery of building io-dustry activity. Action is being Prop. Inv. & Finance int. 1.5 Stag Line ..... Dividends shown pence per share net except where otherwise stated. \* Equivalent after allowing for scrip issue. † On capital increased by rights and/or acquisition issues. ‡ Increase to reduce. disparity with final. Also additional 0.0226p for 1976-77. § Unchanged taken to rationalise group activities and management is be-ing strengthened, although they say it may be some time before final forecast of 2.398p. material improvement in profits can be achieved.

The result is subject to tax of £31,000 (£135,000).

The interim dividend is un-changed at 1.75p. On taxable prnfil of £484.000 fast year a final

**First half** advance

ON SALES ahead from £7.11m. to 29.04m., engineers etc., Loodon and Midiand Industries tifted pre-

tax profits from £850,000 to £850,000 for the half year to September 30, 1977. The group continues to expand are shown as 184p (119p) and 137p its business, say the directors, and 1126p1 fully diluted. increased group profits showing a substantial improvement over last

year's record £1.58m, are foreseen for the hill year. After tax of £428,000 1£320,0001 attributable profils rose from £358,000 to £425,000 and eprings £35,000 to £425,000 and eprints strong in the first halt with Ford are shown at 5.30 (4.50) her 2.50 a major customer. Supplying share The inform dividend is fontwear components, however, lifted from 1.70 to 1.90 not and a remains the group's principal linat parament of 2.864p (2.60507p) business—despile the increasing is intended. The two well position has been sion. Overseas footwear profits

is intended. The inductal position has been sion. Overseas footwear profits significantly strengthened, so the are not much higher than at the directors, by recentions of £277,000 some stage last year while sales for the hall year, and also by the are slightly down. Meantime the decision to release £552,000 to U.K. market, has beld up surpris-reserves from tax deferred in res-peel of stock relief at March 31, the pressure that manufacturers 1977 which will not be payable in the foresceable future. the foresceable future.

the foresceable future. Edward Jones £20.000 up at halftime Taxable profit of Edward Jones (Centractors) pushed £20.000

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uet as forecast, absorbing £140.633 earnings are shown to have diacaced from 1.7p to 3.07p per 10p share. The interim divideod is litted from 1.45p to 0.9p net 1217,9461 as anticipated by the directors lost May. Predelivery in-terest on loan capital look f105,493. After tax of £23,000 azainst f117,823 the amount for appro-priation come out at £552,595 16100,123). and £211,962 was re-tained compared with £57,700 from neserves last time. **First half First half First** 

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## Taxaijon Net profil To nanoritier Extraord, credito Astributable Attributation Dividends Retained for LMI

ment. the Press and the Stock Exchange. This has caused a drop in output in some of our Departments coupled with a lowering of profit margins due to much stiller resistance to price increases occessary to keep pace with inflation.

We have been very fortunate in the last few years to retain nur liquidity and to avoid snote of the effects of a Socialist Economy which have already affected so many other Companies.

I am not prepared to say whether this is a temporary phase so far as our Com-pany is concerned as everything will de-

ocad DDanil factory for our Company gives our strong Cash position and our strong build-up on Plant Development The Curnover for the year is £4.798,163 against £4.605.774 last year.

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28th Norember 1977

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To The Secretary, J. H. Fenner & Co.

Address

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Turnover up by 17% to £73m

Group pre-tax profit increased by 20% 

- Earnings per share up from 11.57p to 14.16p
- Capital expenditure £3.3m
- **Final Dividend increased to** 3.95p per share

Extract from Chairman's Statement "We have planned for further growth in turnover and profitability and we are well equipped, both in manufacturing facilities and people, to achieve success.

The Fenner Group is principally concerned with the manufacture of power transmission equipment, industrial conveyor belting, fluid seals and package handling conveyors.

	1977 £000's	1976 £000's	1975 £000's	1974 £000's	197 <u>3</u> £000's
External turnover	73,009	62,235	50.774	3,7,940	27.268
Profit before taxation	8,407	7,006	5,752	4,501	3.242
Profit after taxation	3,457	2,806	2,572	1,951	1,732
Earned for ordinary shareholders	*3,071	2,389	2,302	1,773	1,557
Dividends to ordinary shareholders	1,453	1.301	834	745	456
Retained profits	1,778	1,088	1.468	1,028	1,101
Shareholders' fu <b>rids</b>	25,892	24.184	17,564	15,338	11,330
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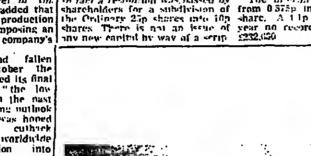
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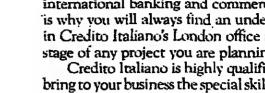
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Lloyds Bank Limited has increased its Base Rate from 6% to 7% with effect from Tuesday 29th November 1977. The rate of interest on 7-day notice Deposit accounts ind Savings Bank accounts is increased from 3% to 3½% p.a. The change in Base Rate and Deposit account interest will also be applied from the same date by the United Kingdom branches of Lloyds Bank International Limited The National Bank of New Zealand Limited and by Lewis's Bank Limited

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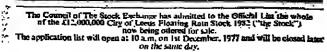
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## Palmer & Harvey agrees £1.4m for Lennons

LENNON BROS, the Warwick acquisition and its advisors, a precise value nn its stocks in shire-based tobacco and confec- Laurence Prust, said yesterday to day's market and is "not at tionery wholesalers, has received that it was buying Lennoo for its present in contact with anyone an agreed bid from Palmer and lurnover of nearly £10m. Mr. Straker also pointed ont that, technically, it had not yet Harvey, a privately owned com-

pany operating in the same field. T. W. WARD SALE The deal highlights the disparity **TO CLARKE** which sometimes occurs between the stock market value of a com-

**BIDS AND DEALS** 

CHAPMAN pany and its value in the eyes In accord with previous stateof a purchaser with a special ments with regard to subsidiary arrived at of a purchaser while a species the source the source of a purchaser while announce. Thomas Smith and Sons (Rodley),

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The directors of Lennon who ils construction equipment was a travel cootrol around 44 per ceot of the duct rance. shares, have irrevocably agreed to accept the offer. Lennon, whose Ordinary shares were last dealt in on May 20, 1976 acquisition is in keeping with the at 60p, last year saw pre-tax policy of expanding the range and profits dip slightly to £162,000 due product have of its already diverse iargely to Prices Commission re-strictions on tobacco products. In pattern of the enlarged mechani-strictions on tobacco products. In pattern of the enlarged mechani-strictions on tobacco products. In pattern of the enlarged mechani-targely to Prices Commission re-activities and electricat engineering the range of its traditional firework targely to Prices Commission re-activities and electricat engineering the range of its traditional firework to all and electricat engineering the traditional firework to price the other to expand the price to price the firework the the traditional firework the the the traditional firework the the the traditional firework the the traditional firework the the the traditional firework the the the traditional firework the traditional firework the the traditional firework the traditional fire targely to Prices Commission re- activities and we may writin the strictions on tobacco products. In pattern of the enlarged mechani-the first half of this year profits cal and electricat engineering ucere maintained despite lower group of Nortbern Engioeering margins on tobacco but the com- lodustries recently formed by the pany expected full year profits to merger between Clarke Chapman be no greater than last year's and Reyrolle Parsons, despite good confectionery husi-

ness. Palmer's last reported figures were for 1975. They were £1.7m., No news is expected from 2S per cent above the previous Glentivet Distillers before Thurs at March 31, 1977. "will provide year. Included contributions from seven new companies acquired Scagram. Mr. Ivan Straker, chief during the year. The company executive of Gtenlivet said yester-pursues an active policy of day that the Board is husy putting the full."

## **Trust and Agency in talks**

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S. JEROME BUYS Directors of Trust and Agency CARRINGTON bave been involved in these talks, which are described as "amicable." VIYELLA OFFSHOOT Agreement has been reached in principle between S. Jerome and Sons (Holdings) and Carrington since before the abortive attempt to change the company's status to charge the company's status principle between S. Jerome and for tax purposes last September. Sons (Holdings) and Carrington That attempt, which would have Viyella for the acquisition by involved a change from a financial Jerome of the capital of H. to investment company status, and Armitage and Company (Eccles-a consequent decline in Trust and hill), a wholly owned subsidiary Agency's tax rate from 52 to 30 of Carrington and the freebold per cent, was abandoned when it property occupied by Armitage, became plain that the scheme was not roles to botain the support adjustment for the support became plain that the scheme was The total consideration (after not going to obtain the support adjustment for the Carrington of the requisite majority of pref-intra group loan account) will be renered shareholders. f249,000 to be salisfied in cash A further announcement is to out of Jerome's own resources on be made "as soon as possible" — compilerion

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audited accounts, amounted to E136,722 and £51,384 respectively.

G. Dew in talks-shares

jump 28p The share price of G. Dew; the civi) engineering and industrial building group, jumped 28p yesterday to close at 122p on the announcement that discussions were taking place which could lead to an offer being made for the company. The current market capitalisation is now just under

ment sald. received a bid from Seagram who have said that a full bid is con-ditional upon recommendation by

### UNITED BISCUITS PURCHASE

United Biscuits (Holdings) and B.O.C. International announce that B.O.C. International announce that agreement has been reached for the acquisition by UB from BOC's wholly-owned subsidiary BOC Limited of the business of King Harry Foods, which manufactures frozen pizza products principally for the UK. Sales are made under the King Harry brand name and also on a private label hasis. King Harry will continue to King Harry will continue to not been audited. trade from its existing premises at Thame near Oxford, and the Chairman's Statement

existing management team will remain to run the business. Assets involved are abont £1.5m

### APPROACH TO

REED & SMITH Reed and Smith, the manufac turers, processors and mer-chanters of paper in which the National Enterprise Board has a

stake of almost 30 per cent, has received a take-over approach from ao unnamed party. The

RIGHTWISE EXTENDS **DEUNDI OFFER** 

DEUNDI OFFER Dunkiey Marshall announces that its offer of October 31 made on behalf of Rightwise to acquire 375,150 Ordinary shares of Deundi, which was due to expire on November 25 has been ex-tended and will remain open for acceptance until December 9.

Acceptances have in date been received from 30 Deundi share-holders in respect of 11.441 shares (2.2 per cent.). Rightwise and its concertees held or had agreed to acquire 170,500 Deundi shares offer will not, according to the (32.8 per cent.) on September 30 Pension Funds advisors. S. G. and have acquired a further 37,000 shares (7.1 per cent.) since that

### WINTOUR SAYS WATT'

The directors of Wintour Holdings have lesued a holding state-ment telling shareholders to take funds were using strong and ment tening shareholders to take tactics on shareholders. He no action over the offer to take pointed out that they were pro-tected should the market rise by the formula on which the offer rently under consideration.

> GODFREYS-Ziflynn, a private company under the control of Mr. /W. 7 Wood, chairman of Godfreys, is to bid 2.5p per share for Godfreys An irrevocable undertaking to accept has been received from the liquidator of Norsteady Invest-ments in respect of 5,481,021 sbares (86 per cent.). Godfreys, which operates as motor engineers and distributors, reported a pre-tax loss of 5138,000



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Financial Times Inesuay International

At a meeting of the Directors held on Friday (25th Novemi, 1977) the Board announced an Interim Dividend of 0.6 pance per st for the half year ended 30th September, 1977 to be paid on the

tom. The talks, which are said to be at an early stage, are with an un-named party. "Other discussions which have taken place in the past have proved abortive," the state-(1976-0.8846 pence per share). The dividend is payable without further the state place in the past (1976-0.8846 pence per share). This results in an equivalent grass dividend of 0.5091 pence per share). Civ months' period to 30th Sept. - 30th Sept.

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Net profit after tax Less minority interest in subsidiary	£40,250
Group profit	£33,188 £45.6

The results of the subsidiary, Spheric Engineering Limited.

The difficult conditions in the building indostry, particularly severe reductions in spending by Local Authorities, have adver affected our performance and are reflected in the turnover and p for the half year.

Little improvement in construction activity is expected in Immediate future but, foreseeing this, your Company is Introducing products into its range which are less dependent on our tradie housebuilding market.

Spheric Engineering Limited has performed well and expects even herter in the second half of the year.

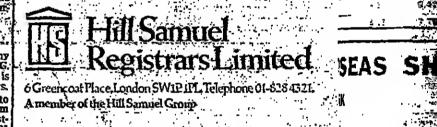
Despite the disappointment associated with the difficult tra conditions we are well placed to take immediate advantage of impr activity when it takes place. Although the year will not he as succe as 1976 your Company remains strong financially and confident of

**United Newspapers** Limited

Share Registration

Hill Samuel Registrars Limited has been appointed Registrar of-United Newspapers Limited as from 1st December, 1977.

All correspondence regarding registration or transfer of shares should in future be addressed to:



conditional. A spokesman for S. G. Warbnrg denied last night that the pension funds were using strong arm

is valued, that they were pro-tected should the market fall by the guaranteed minimum which the pension funds have agreed to pay, that there was nothing further to be said by either the pension funds or the directors of the trusts (who have urged shareholders to reject the hid) and that shareholders must now make up their own minds.

WM. EWART

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and from the following branches of Midland Bunk Limited; City Branch, Park Row, Levels, LSI HLD, Poulin, and Princes Street, London, ECIP 2BX, Winchester House, 90 Old Brand Street, London EC2N 1BA. 3 Threadneedle Street, London, EC2R 8BO, CITY OF LEEDS Offer for Sale

### MORGAN GRENFËLL & CO. LIMITED

### £12.000.000 CTTY OF LEEDS FLOATING RATE STOCK 1982 AT £100 PER CENT., PAYABLE IN FULL ON APPLICATION

**Application Form** 

The completed form, together with payment in tull, should be lodged with Nidland Bank Limited, New issue Oopartment, Mariner House, Papys Street, London, ECSN 40A not later than 19 a.m. on Thursday, 1st December, 1977. Postal opplications should be made by first class mail.

•	Nominal amount of Stock. for which application is made	Amount enclosed at £100 per cem.
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Applications must be for a minimum of £100 of Stock and must be in multiples of \$100 of Stock up to \$1,000 of Stock, in multiples of \$500 of Stock up to \$5,000 of \$100 of Stock, in multiples of \$1,000 of \$10ck, in multiples of \$5,000 of \$10ck and thereafter in multiples of \$5,000 of \$10ck. The right is reserved by Morgan Greater a to Limited to instruct Midland Bank Limited (I) to present all cheques for payment and to retain the definitive Stock Cortificate and surplus application moneys pending clearance of this reserved on the surplus application moneys application or to accept any application in part only. To Morgan Greatell & Co. Limited. Genilemen.

(5) Morgan Greatell & Co. Limited. Genliemen. 1 We enclose a cheque for the above-mentioned sum, being the amount payable in full at 2100 per cent, on application for the above-mentioned nominal amount of City of Leeds Floating Rate Stock, V& T'lha Stock, T. I'We ofter to purchase that amount of Stock upon the terms of your Offer for Sale dated 28th November, 1977 and I we hereby undertake and agree to accept the same or any lester amount in respect of which this application may be accepted. I We hereby authorse you to send a definitive Stock Certificate in respect thereof and or a cheque for any mone's featurable to me, as by ordinary post at my, our risk to the address first gree below and to procure my our minument to be placed on the Regener as bolderist of the nominal amount of Stock allocated to me'us.

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IMPORTANT.—To comply with the provisions of the Exchange Control Act, 1947, the Applicant(s) must make the Declaration contained in the following paragraph, or, II unable to do so, must delete such paragraph and arrange for the Application to be lodged through an Authorized Oppository\* or an Approved Agent in the Ropublic of Iroland\*. No application can be considered unless this condition is fulfilled.

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### SHARE STAKES

Trust Houses Forte-Sir Charles Forte, director, bought 2,300 shares on October 19.

Blagden and Noakes (Holdings) -Britannic Assurance is inter-At meetings resolutions were ested in 540,000 shares (10.14 per cent. of the 3,324,652 shares in issue) following the acquisition of W. W. Bali and Sons). NCB/BIT In advising shareholders that a TPT not already owned by Sonoco

Crellon Holdings-Sonepar S.A has disposed of 36,860 shares.

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## **City and International Trust Limited**

### Directors:

B. A. C. Whitmee, F.C	A. (Chairman)			
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Sir John S. P. Mellor, Bart. Desmond A. Rei	d The Rt. Hon. Lord			
	Year ended 31.8.77	Ten years ended 31.8.77		
Performance statistics	%	%		
Net asset value	+21	+108		
Middle market price (Stock Exchange Daily Official List)	+35	+ 81		
Rate of dividends (net)	+23	+226		
Retail Price Index	+17	+198		
Distribution of investments at 31st	August 1977			
Equities end convertibles				
U.K.		641%		

Overseas (including U.K. companies operating mainly abroad)

Fixed income

### Extract from the Chairman's statement

Our present revenue estimates are running at a higher level than last year and we expect to be able to recommend a further increase in the dividend for the current year.

Copies of the Report and Accounts can be obtained from Philip Hill (Management) Limited, 8 Waterloo Place, London SW1Y 4AY,



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### INDUSTRIES LIMITED INDUSTRIAL DOOR MANUFACTURERS INTERIM REPORT FOR THE SIX MONTHS TO 30th SEPTEMBER, 1977 1977/78 1976/ £000 7.89 £000's Turnover Net prolit (stated after deducting depreciation, andit fees, Directors' - remuneration and interest charges). 60 26 Less taxation ..... 31 13 ................ Net profit (unaudited) ..... 29 12 The disappointing results are, in the main, due to

slow recovery of activity in the building industry. Act, is being taken to rationalise the Group's activities and the management team is being strengthened although it n be some time before a material improvement in profits ( be achieved

In spite of the reduced profits, it is proposed to maint: the same interim dividend, namely 1.75p per ordinary stordinary "A" share, which will be paid on the 19th Janua 1978, to shareholders on the company's register at 28th Decta ber, 1977.



suppliers of specialist services to the construction industry Interim Report for the Half-Year to 31st August 1 6 months anded 6 month

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FUTURE PROSPECTS

The turnover for the year ending 28th February 1978 probably exceed the previous year. The end of the two is period of reduction in our net margins could well be in a c and, whilst we are unlikely to attain last year's record prot at this time. A.C.V. TELLING, Chat

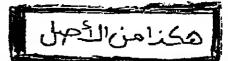
Capies of the full interim statement may be ablajoed frees the Secretary at Barley Wood, Wrington, Avon 8518 TSA

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### **GOLD MARKET**

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### **EURO-CURRENCY INTEREST RATES\***

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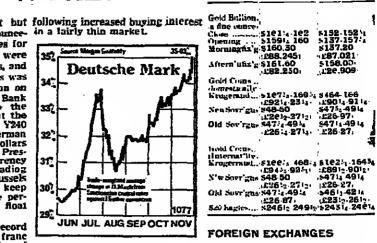
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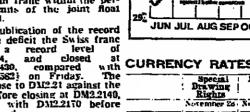
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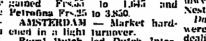
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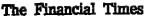
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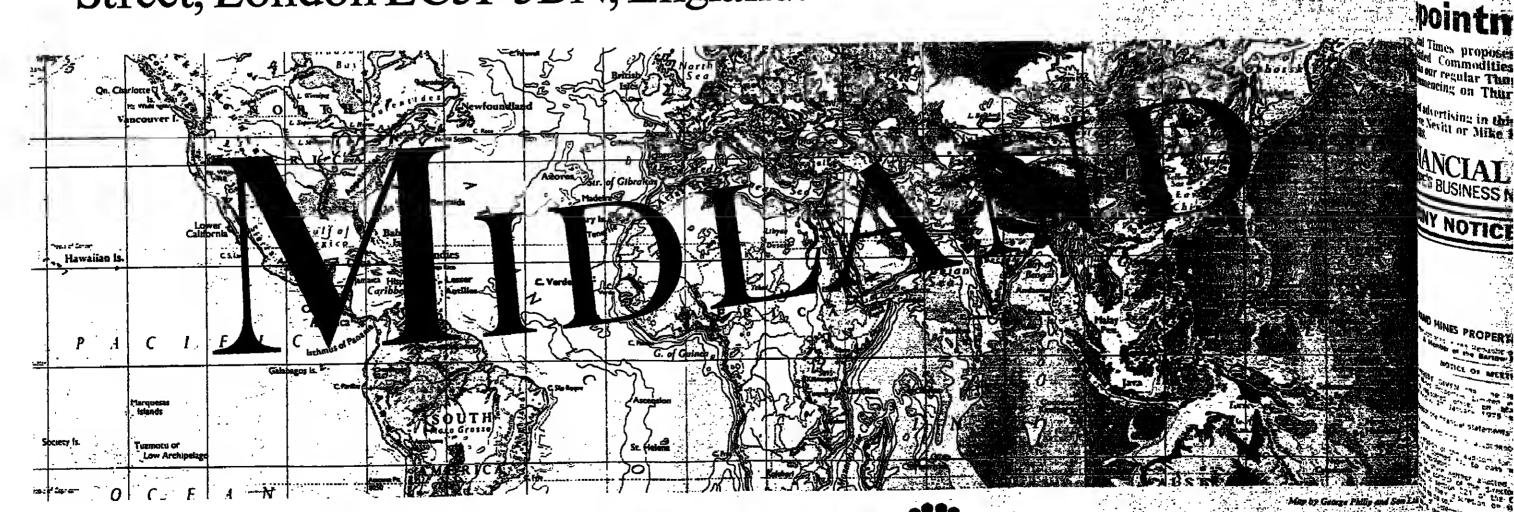


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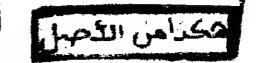
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## Moves to underpin beef market

### BY OUR COMMODITIES STAFF

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domestic beef production. This, For milk producers, who to price increases along com-emipled with pork shortages and expect a jurther price rise on pound fertilisers of 5 to 12 per increased consumer spending January 1 wheo the U.K. takes cent.

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### INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL AND COMPANY NEWS

## **Montedison** resignation

### BY PAUL BETTS

A FURTHER abake-up in the top macagement of Italy's crisis-ridden chemicals congiomerate. Montedison. surfaced here to-night with the sorprise resignation of Signor Alberto Grandi, the company's senior vice-chalrman.

A company spokesman would make no further comment, bot

it is understood that Sig. Grandi was dissatisfied with his area of responsibility following a reorganisation of senior management functions after the resignation earlier this year of the Montedisou structure. chairman, Sig. Engenio Cefis. Sig. Giuseppe Medici (70). 1e veteran Christian Demulhe

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### NORTH AMERICAN NEWS Hudson's Bay profits fall

### BY JAMES SCOTT

LIUDSON'S BAY Company had quarter improved over the com-guardedly optimislic that profits for the nine months parable period last year, reflect Christmas sales will be huoyant-ended October 31 of SC8,5m, or ing a continuation of the trend Natural resource earnings 60 cents a share compared with in the first six months. should SCS.6m. or 62 cents a share for Earnings from real estate, present favourable trends and the comparable period last year, however, continued to reflect a real estate earnings will not Revenue increased to SCIbn, shorifall from the previous year, have to contend with abnormally from SC951m. the third quarter in 1976 being high comparable figures for the For the latest nine months a particularly strong period for last quarter of 1976. period, merchandising profit was land sales. Since the compar

Fur the latest nine months a particularly strong period for last quarter of 1976. period, merchandising profit was land sales. Since the company acquired as compared \$C13.8m. a year earlier. Real estate profit was \$C12.4m, generally unchanged from the company has developed plans for rompared with \$C21m, and first half of this year and the the opening of financial services profits from natural resource company said it is not possible centres in eight Hudson's Bay interests was \$C9.6m, compared to predict with any degree of stores next year. Merchandising and natural look for the balance of the year, further six stores in 1978 and In the third liowever, the company is seven stores will be expanded. In the two ster

Montedison, which employs nearly 150,000 pcopie, reported lasses last year of L172hn, or

### GERMAN NEWS Hoechst setback extends to 16% BY GUY HAWTIN

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NEW YORK, Nov. 28.

## Setback for NYSE members

### to \$30.8m, in the third quarter, and 106 losses, from \$90.4m, in the same 1976 The Street period, the NYSE said, Reuter reports

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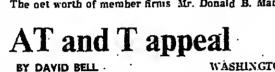
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BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

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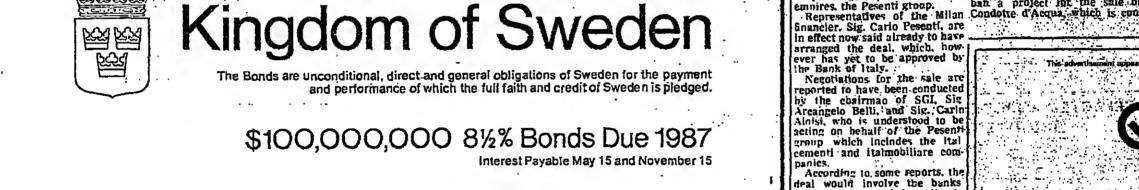
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WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.

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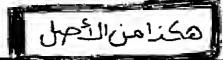
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BY H. F. LEE

Wearne drives up earnings

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SINGAPORE, Nov. 28.

By Francis Ghiles FOREIGN INVESTMENTS of

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SINGAPORE, Nov. 28.

OPEC countries' external debt will amount to \$50hn. and their external assets to \$155hn. by the end of the year. Net assets amounied to Sibo. four years ago before the increase of the price of oil.

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FOREIGN INVESTMENTS of countries belonging to the Organisation of Oli Exporting Countries (OPEC) will amount to over \$200bn, by the end of ihis year, according to ocojec-itons published by Morgan Guaranty Trust in the latest issue of its monthly World Financial Markets.

BY RICHARD ROLFE

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JOHANNESBURG, Nov. 28

SY RICHARD ROLFEJOHANNESBURG, Nov. 28.TWO LEADERS in the South<br/>African aggineering sector have<br/>ereported mixed fortuces in the accounts are likely to show that<br/>Rigures for the 12 months to African Oxygen is riding on a are down in time from 45 cents<br/>september 30, the moral being<br/>that the mining-linked engineer<br/>ing firms are still able to earn<br/>the most huoyant peofits.The rax figure dowo from R18.tm. to<br/>reported mixed fortuces in the accounts are likely to show that<br/>that the mining-linked engineer<br/>with retaiced earnings to the to earn<br/>the most huoyant peofits.African Oxygen, controlled by<br/>BOC, has reported turnover<br/>down from R15.8m. to R132m.<br/>while pre-tax profits have firmed<br/>uo from R15.8m. to R132m.<br/>to R132m.<br/>to R15.4m.The experience at Stewarts and<br/>Lioyds over the same 12 mooths<br/>to goineer on inflation accounting<br/>is quite different, and points up<br/>in South Africa, and pointed mit<br/>tagainst the manufacturer, such 2.6 times by earnings, was not<br/>saftican Oxygen. the former's<br/>covered at alt in adjusted turms-<br/>margins being under far greater<br/>pressure in pressure of Angle.<br/>Stewarts and Lloyds, which is<br/>a African Oxygen, the former's<br/>covered at alt in adjusted turms-<br/>margins being under far greater Presumably this is even mare<br/>pressure in pressure of Angle.<br/>However, the group<br/>apoears set in press on with its<br/>stewarts and Lloyds, which is<br/>2 times. However, the group<br/>apoears set in press on with its<br/>stewarts and Lloyds, which is<br/>2 times to accountion.<br/>The Board ascribes the sharp<br/>to elimination of loss-makingStewarts and Lloyds.<br/>by the Ipsa consor<br/>shade from R2050m. In R2050m.<br/>to account margins base reported turnover down a cash flow will remain under<br/>pressure i pressure at least until the eco-<br/>apoears set in pressi until the cover.</tab<

**South African engineers** 

report mixed fortunes

## Yen rise affects Matsushita

### BY DONALD MACLEAN

MATSUSHITA Electric Indus- —which accounts for 25 per cent. "Panasonic" and "Quasar" itrial Cumpany, the electric of total sales. Excort contracts hrand names, and in the rest of apoliancas concern, will show reduced parent company aarn-ings in the first half, tu May 20, inf its current financial year — from Y23.18bn, in the first half of 1976-77—mainly as a result uf the sharp rise in the value of the yen in the foreign exchanges, accordiog to a company state-ment. Matsushita Electric Company, those of the parent company from years in the foreign exchanges, according to a company state-ment.

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Australian take-over moves

BY JAMES FORTH

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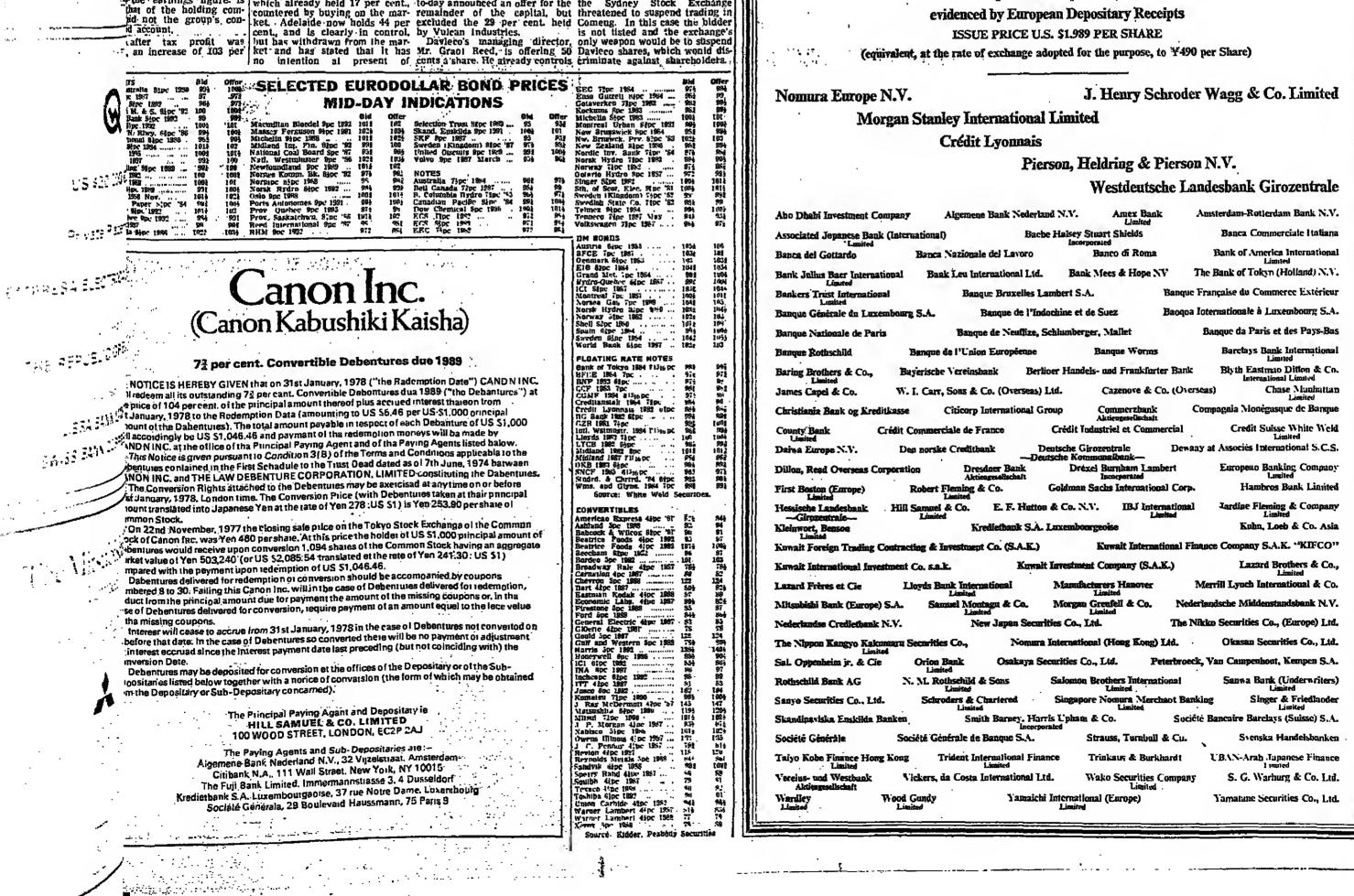
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**BLACK DIAMONDS PENSIONS LIMITED** (A company wholly owned by the National Coal Board Pension Funds)

## Offer for the Ordinary Shares of THE BRITISH INVESTMENT TRUST LIMITED

The Offer has been extended until 3 p.m. on Monday, 12th December, 1977.

The Offer will NOT be open for acceptance after that time whether or not the Offer has been declared unconditional.

The guaranteed minimum cash price per Ordinary Share of The British Investment Trust Limited is 165p in cash, the highest price paid by Black Diamonds **Pensions Limited.** 

Upon the Offer becoming unconditional accepting Ordinary Shareholders will, under the terms of the Offer, be entitled to receive at least 165p in cash per Share for their Ordinary Shares of The British Investment Trust Limited or a higher cash amount if the formula value is higher on the day on which the Offer becomes unconditional.

The Board of Black Diamonds Pensions Limited and its financial advisers, S. G. Warburg & Co. Ltd., are firmly of the opinion that the Offer is generous and attractive, particularly so following the inclusion of the guaranteed minimum cash price of 165p per **Ordinary Share, Accordingly Ordinary Shareholders** are strongly urged to accept.

This statement has been issued by S. G. Warburg & Co. Ltd. on behall of Black Diamonds Pensions Limited. The Board of Black Diamonds Pensions Limited has taken all reasonable care to ensure that the facts stated and apiniona expressed herein are fair and accurate and all the Directors jointly and severally cept responsibility accordingly.

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23	Wines and Spirit (8)	225.57	+0.4	15.65	5.61	9.81	224.71	220.05	227.59	227.
24	Entertainment, Catering (16). Food Manufacturing (21).	ACCOUNT OF A DAY OF A DAY		14.73	5.63	19.36	282.38	237.94	246.11	
28	Food Retailing (16)	196.32	-43	13.53	4.56	10.75	196.85	191.19	190.37	
32	Newmanan Dublishing (14)	722 14	+03	10.08	3.81	14.92	321.12	325.47	· 322.39	322.
33	Packaging and Paper(14)	121.87	-01	21.61	7.60	5.74	121.97	119.09	129.68	
34	Textiles (24)	101.07		10.57	433	24.96	181.59	175.21	184.58	
36	Tobaccos (3)	208.46	-0.7	22.77	8.63	5.87	209.96	296.00	Z10,15	210.
37	Toys and Games (6)	102,20		19.91	5.80	6.90	102.52	100.87	102.44	
42	OTHER GEOUPS (96) Chemicals (27)	251.09	-02	16.06	5.59	8.61	25170	248.68	256.83	255.
44	Office Equipment (6)	117.84	-0.1	19:36	4.87	6.89	117.96	115.39	119.60	
45	Shipping (10)	441.26	-0.7	22.32	6.64	5.31	444.51	444.28	449.70	449
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## **Oreign Exchange Markets**

The dollar has weakened sharply against other strong currencies, notably the yen and the Deutschemark, reflecting continuing major imbalances in current accounts among the major industrialised countries.

IGN EXCHANGE markets higher rate of price inflation different pressures-current and cate a rise in the U.S. deficit to this view the U.S. is the only and sizeable current account earlier in order to avoid the ciation are also scepical about wer in a notably confused than in, for example. Germany, prospective inflation cates, cur. \$21bn. next year with an un-major country which is doing deficits. Indeed the adjustment monetary pressures, a inwer the impact on inflation and on peertain state in recent The dollar was helped by the rent account disequilibria, changed Japanese surplus of anything to sustain growth. is as upward pressures in the collar was helped by the rent account disequilibria, changed Japanese surplus of anyining to sustain growth. at the end of August led to the level of interest rates than is domestic wage pressures, is a nave continued un- by the impact of rising OPEC relative interest rates. On one tion in the German surplus to argued that the main cause of juint European currency finat, and to act as a dampening in-panies can no longer count on the dollar has re-emerged counts. at the end of August led to the level of interest rates than is domestic the dollar has re-emerged serves. enve is the movement in a of the previously weaker econo- higher oil imports and the U.S. The other main change has,

ajor preoccupation. The The position changed towards country's money supply relative mies is expacted to improve is still in surplus with Western of course. involved sterling for example, estimated that ess of the dollar in the the end of June as concern grew to that of the world, while also further with the U.K. moving Europe. where there has been a turn sterling was 10 per cent, under-'s months and the corres about the rising U.S. deficit and is strength of the Yen, DM the official policy of benign wiss franc have reflected neglect. Speculative pressures intiming and worsening were reinforced both by a rise

loss of balance

by Peter Riddell, Economics Correspondent

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relative money supply, though There are also those who the gap has now been narrnwed. favour a depreciation in the School argues that the rate in order to preserve, or results of the policy errors of even increase, the price comthe last nine months have not petitiveness ni exports at a been eliminated just by freeing time when the U.K. inflation the exchange rate since far rate is higher than overseas. foreign exchange reserves On this view a rising rate will and far more hanking reserve merely fritter away assets have been built up than opportunity presented the U.K. needs. There is still, North Sea oit and will further on this view, a danger of overundermine the industrial base. shooting the money supply But as the U.K. moves intr target and preventing this now substantial current account surmight result in serious shortterm disruption of the economy, 1 us-more than £250m, in 1977 against a deficit of £1.4bn, last

by the CBt because of cnn- the exclange rate are not going cern over the impact on price to disappear. Consequently it competitiveness of exports n.y be necessary to allow some nn imports than anyway ex-inflows. The Government is still Comparisons on relative rates of inflation ing a major relaxation until the open to dispute since recovery in non-oil trade is

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outward exchange based cautions, however, about allow-

What's the dollar/sterling rate? Dawson International in Kinross knows.

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1. franc all came under pressure within a short Surpluses

res taken by each of these The calls by Mr. Michael les led to a more stable mance, and a marked re- Blumenthal, the U.S. Treasury in the case of sterling. Secretary, on Japan and West attention focused rather Germany, and to a lesser extent.

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during this generally appreciation in the values of the 1977. Meanwhile the Japanese failen hy more than 18 per cent of Octaber to allow a free float are open to dispute since receivery in non-oil trade is against the Yan, and hy 51 per in response to market pressures, they depend not only on the established and the structure they depend not only on the established and the structure awas increasing signif. Mr. Blumenthal then tried to the West German surplus is pro- deficit — some commentators. The British Government's base date but also on the of 1.2 reserves is improved.

imbalances in the Yen through the 270 to

the leading indus the dollar barrier for the first

ted surprisingly, strong the U.S. deficit was ton large to \$3.5hn, the strate deficit and that it ought to be stimmed. The tatest forecasts suggest U.S. deficit has corresponded to in devalue after earlier burrow, economists, especially in the price competitiveness most of of official horrowing averseas, "first four months of the This had little effect. I that the position is not going to a recovery in the current ing heavily to support their City, who have argued that the like advantage on a basis of with \$20bn, due by 1985 - thick was more than in Foreign exchange morements, thange significantly next year; accounts of countries in a exchange rates. This has re-poind ought to have been unit labour costs has been re- though a start is likely in be stimmed. Opponents of appre- made in the near future.

taking account of the balance of into substantial surplus, the In any event, despite con-round in both financial confi- the pound has been apposed year-the appoint pressures on payments position and partitolio. French deficit falling from \$3bn tinuing international meetings, dence, as reflected in the sharp holdings - for example, by to \$2bn, and the Italians having statements and action, such as rice in the reserves, and more a \$1.5bn, surplus. Overall the curbs by Japan on surrency in recently the swing into current DPER.

total OECD deficit is expected flows, the dollar has weakened account surplus. This as the and because of the possibility easing of on the stronger currencies Government tried to bold the of an even more rapid growth controls in order in match these while the OPEC surplus is fore- throughout the last lew months pound down in order to maincast to decline from \$40hn, to Fnr example, since the begin tain stability for just of the ning of this year the dollar has year but was forced at the end \$35hn

failen hy more than 18 per cent, of October to allow a free float are

dollar, pointing out that the navian countries have twice had cised, however. There are many there has been erosion of any significant early repayment

However, the dollar still stem the pressure by saying that justed to increase from \$2.8hn. refer to the non-problem of the Within Europe, the Scandi- approach has been widely critis exact measure adopted. While Simil ly there is caution about

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THE MOST significant and—as than a fifth since the begining domestic credit expansion, arising on the former, compared official policy was to peg the rate, weakness of the dollar at it soon turned out—revealing of March. Meanwhile sterling was rising with a deficit of £3.63bn, for the against the dollar. In order to to offer no one to the the remark about the performance The causes can be traced and the recovery was estable whole of 1976. This has be counter this pressure, the for sterling at the contract of the the tent of tend of tent of tend of tent of tent

remark about the performance The causes can be traced and the recovery was estable whole of 1976. This has be counter this pressure, the for sterling at the entry of sterling and Government both to the belated adjustment lished in early January when a fleeted the unwinding of what authorities in late July switched change rate, so the anti-foreign exchange policy in the in a loss of price competitive. S3bn. safety-net facility for the are usually described as leads their emphasis towards, the were forced to the as a guide decision facility and with Minimum Lending the early strate at a main and more allowed a small rise in the down from 15 to 5 per exchanger, in the Commons British Government's ability bank governors in Basic. The spurious distinction and more allowed a small rise in the down from 15 to 5 per early identifiable items in pound against the dollar. I have the down from 15 to 5 per early strate with which it is possible to authorities, by the loss of control a board to so for a point in the end of July. Withstand market pressures, the loss of cours supply that the more supply in the loss of course, which was taken and a major relavation of the markets by the withstand market pressures, the loss of course of the money supply in the loss of course in the addree of the market pressures, the loss of course of the money supply. The twent is antidated at the more relaved in calles on third country on the addree of the mark and a major relavation. The authorities were relaved to more deposite attracted to the more supported for the addree of the mark and an as adopted in facility in the end of July.

by people who hold my job is can be explained by specific mis to \$1.72 until the end of July. that there are fairly strict limits handling of the markets by the within which it is possible to authorities, by the loss of con-withstand market pressures. Troi over the money supply Less than five days later the during the summer and by the Government ahandoned its extra pressures created by the policy of holding duwn the ex-presence, and then absence, of change rate in order to maintain a stable value and allowed a value value

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vided a temporary check. The

how point of \$1.55 was touched at the end of October-this represented a decline of more

The events of the last 12 months have demonstrated both the observes and on reports with possibly another S3bn. or Treasury were also concerned been more than S1bn, and the and this factor prove about a safety-net arrangement so to come in from deferred that uncertainties on the pay published rise in the reserves in Crucial, when the Gor for the official sterling balances, receipts on forward operations: front-especially during the October was over \$3bn. A crucial part in turning round these can of concerned here official sterling balances.

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IF THE principal factor deter- informed guesses is unlikely to tion to avoid a trade war and But while the overall picture a title further, it 

of the national economy, then sistently maintained that the of freer trade is considerable, essential davelopment over the of confidence, may in anbody would have been con-deficit does not reflect any At the same time, however, the past ien mouths is that a new fequired at the right - sumed with the problem of a fundamental weakening of Administration is committed to Administration is committed to to calm domestic and sumed with the problem of a fundamental weakening of Administration is commutee to Administration was come to to calm domestic and, weak dollar this year. Indeed, American trade, competi- promoting the growth of U.S. realise that, much as it may fional fears in the when the Carter Administration tiveness: it often argues exports, perhaps through the want to. It is not politic to ahead. The Carter Ad-took power at the start of this that, with the singular, extension of export credits or ignore the state of the dollar, tion now realises this, year, the superior performance gross exception of Japan, the by deferring the planned aboli. The basic prognosis remains sary. of the U.S. economy was such U.S. maintains healthy trade tion of DISCS, the tax break that there is not much wrong that it was assumed that the surpluses with the rest of the which assists exporting com- with the U.S. dollar and that dollar could not be a serious world and that sectoral analysis panies. problem and was not worth talk- of product markets demoning about. What has happened strates that the U.S. share of since—and what is likely to con-world trade is holding up well. tinue to happen in the future— It also repeatedly points out has been an instructive example the obvious - that the biggest in a process of education which single factor in the trade deficit every new government must is the massive American demand for imported oil, which undergo.

The underlying philosophy in will probably reach an unpre-international economic policy cedented \$45hn. this year. as espoused by the Carter Difference Treasury when it 100k office was Difference

that It was incumbent on the And yet, ironically, there may mies (the U.S., West Germany not be now much difference in and Japan. principally, with the views of Dr. Burns and the help from the Netherlands and Administration over the "right help from the Netherlands and policies " for the dollar. Both Switzerland: to hear the brunt policies " for the dollar. Both of reviving the flaceing global Mr. Blumenthal and the economy. The U.S. it was argued, was about to sustain a considerable trade and current account deficit in 1977 and would therefore he playing its role to the bilt: the other sur-nlus nations were pressed to facilitate the international ad-justment process by expanding their economies, reducing their surpluses and, where appro-briate, to allow the value of their currences to appreciate. That was the message that Vice-Presidem Mondale and a will undountedly put into effect croup of bright and hrash yning carly next year. Indeed, as Dr. Switzerfandi to hear the brunt policies" for the dollar. Both croup of bright and hrash ynling early next year. Indeed, as Dr. American economists forcefully Burns himself noted in the nut to the Governments of West summer, such differences as do Europe and Japan within a fort- exist are more in the nature of hight of President Carter being the rhetoric than the substance. installed in the White House. In addition, it is clear that the In orany ways, this remains Administration is doing its best the underlying philosophy, to deflect the mounting domestic though it has now been modi- demands for protectionist trade fied to encourage the expansion measures and at the same time of economics which hitherto to forge a reasonable agreement had been considered too weak at the trade talks in Geneva. to make much contribution. But Certain concession have had to the whole process of exhorting be made (through orderly other countries to do more had marketing agreements, a by-product that the new ad- example, and a probable insti-ministration had not fully cal- tution of a reference price culated: the reaction of the system for imported steel). rest of the world that the U.S. Although it may not always Although it may not, always was essentially talking down appear so from outside the U.S. the value of the dollar un the the Administration's determinaforeign exchange markets, thereby injecting a critical element of instability into a delicale piechanism. It is fair to say that it took the U.S. Administration until mid-year to appreciate fully that a public attriude of insouciance towards line value of the world's principal reserve currency might he minolitic. To-day. Mr Blumenthal. the Michael Treasury Secretary and other top government economic policy makers rarely lel a public opportunity go by without expressing their belief 10 "a strong dollar." Leaving aside the sometimes illogical feverishness of foreign exchange markets, notoriously prone to jump at every rumour and misinterpret every nuance, the three main factors explaining the dollar's weakpess remain to-day much as they were at the start of the year. The first. and most obvious, is that the U.S. economy is conlinuing to outperform those of its principal trading partners by a substantial margin. The consequent trade deficit this year, is likely to approach \$30bn., more than five times arger than it has over been before, and, according to most

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TAPANESE YEN has various problems aurrounding by the Bank of Japan) the and 250 yen to the dollar Kong and Singapore, and the tated by over 20 per cent. Japan's international economic authorities can infloence the "barriers." In carly November, extent to which these markets the dollar since the be-relations. cxchange rate (or were able to Japan introduced controls on baye seized the ioitiative from s of 1977 and seems des. The reason why the yen has do so in the past) by administra- overseas purchasing of sbort the Tokyo "home" market in is a pew equilibrium. The reason why the yen has do so in the past) by administra- overseas purchasing of sbort the Tokyo "home" market in is a pew equilibrium. The reason why the yen has do so in the past) by administra- overseas purchasing of sbort the Tokyo "home" market in is a pew equilibrium. The reason why the yen has do so in the past) by administra- overseas purchasing of sbort the Tokyo "home" market in is a pew equilibrium. The reason why the yen has do so in the past) by administra- overseas purchasing of sbort the Tokyo "home" market in is a pew equilibrium. The reason why the yen has do so in the past) by administra-is a pew equilibrium. The reason why the yen has do so in the past) by administra-is a pew equilibrium. The reason why the yen has do so in the past) by administra-is a pew equilibrium. The reason why the yen has do so in the past by administra-is a pew equilibrium. The reason bady undervalued before. At of Japan's still relatively accounts (two supposed channels tiself, has been the sharp by surprise, especially the beginning of the year, elaborate system of foreign of foreign of foreign speculation). The appreciation of the year on the controls, however, had almost no futures market where the Bank effect in arresting the pace of of Japan's stillonally dres not effect to arresting the pace of of Japan's diversion of the year.

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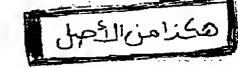
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in its latest monthly report. capacity as employer, but thare stated that some benefits could bave been calls from the five indeed already be detected. wise men, the five institutes and reached without yet more ting 1978 wage levels. That stimplus. means wages ought to rise by

A preliminary estimate for no more than 5 to 5.5 per the third quarter of 1977 by the cent, including fringe becefits-German Economic Research a figure that should still leava Institute shows a drop of 0.5 per soma room for spending power cent. But official and unofficial to increase if as is generally commentators agree that the predicted, prices next year most important factor in the increase by no more than the equation at present is the 3.5 to 4 par cent forecast for absence of confidence among 1977.

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sitinnal period on January 1 next a large volume of medium-term Nevertheless, When the U.K. inined debt which will fall due for re- measures introduced the EEC, a timetable was agreed payment in the coming years; October mini-Budget at

THE GOVERNMENT remains Exchange Control Act, is to meet this commitment. By and it is thought that a consider afforded a recognition that the hand, means maying a vari-reluctant to introduce any designed essentially to protect the end of 1974, controls on out-erable part of the inflows into position of the U.K. has premium over the spot rates major relaxations of the U.K.'s the official reserves. ward movement of direct capital the country in recent months changed. The impact they were stering. And it involves hattery of exchange controls on In the past year, however, the the ontward movement of official reserves have risen to money, in spite of the dramatic \$20.2hn., nearly five times their the or the dramatic \$20.2hn., nearly five times their

money, in spite of the dramatic substanting in the country's level at the end of last year. External position this year and the growing hody of views in favour nf liberalisation. There are two main reasons tial external current account is string. And the country is now moving into a period of substantial external current account is string. And the country is now moving into a period of substantial external current account is string. And the country is now moving into a period of substantial external current account is string. And the country is now moving into a period of substantial external current account is string. And the country is now moving into a period of substantial external current account is string. And the country is now moving into a period of substantial external current account is string. And the country is now moving into a period of substantial external current account is string. And the country is now moving into a period of substantial external current account is surplus as a result of the impact is string. Any set was made on relaxing proceeds of North Sea oil for panles, with the benefits this premium rate. A start was made on relaxing increase in overseas investment a home rather than brings for the development of the general rule is allowed to export up to firm. Chancellor conceded that later. The allowances for travel, first strict. The general rule is allowed to export up to firm. Chancellor conceded that later. The allowances for travel, first strict. The general rule is allowed to export up to firm. Chancellor conceded that later. The allowances in overseas allowances in overseas allowand and emigration to levels only projects which meet or the meet in the allowances in overseas. which the country took on when alsed this point in a recent per project per year within the on "some increase in overseas abroad and emigration to levels only projects which meet it entered the Common Market speech—that there is a case for EEC without having to go investment may have a role to which take more account of so-called super criterion of the system of exchange con using at levels the there is a case for the theory the answer the system of exchange con using at levels on the theory the answer the system of exchange con using at levels on the system of exchange con using at levels the answer the system of exchange con using at levels the system of exchange con using the system of exchange con using at levels the system of exchange con using The system of exchange con-trols, which goes back to the pluses arising from the oil flows heginning of World War II and for investment overseas. Was furmalised in the 1947 Finally there is the EEC In spite of the changed cir-argument. Talks are now going curstances of the U.K., there in over the U.K.'s position on exchange controls in the context of the country's original correct of the changed cir-argument. Talks are now going curstances of the U.K., there in over the U.K.'s position on exchange controls in the context of the country's original correct of the context of the country's original correct of the context of the country's original correct of the official un-to the cost of the official un-oplitical overtones.

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esidents to official exchange for greater. transfer abroad. As they relate Few investment project to portfolie investment, they meet this condition, mean that investors can put practice the bulk is money abroad only in one of two, either out of borrowed ways: by going through the currency or 'iron investment currency market in retained overseas. Repar by horrowing currency. Using of foreign currency horr

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This can create problems for during this decade, and has en: dollar equivalents for much various central banks, couraged ever more foreign longer. because any unwelcome move- banks into the capital, since the ment in a currency may happen lack of a London office makes in the middle of the night, on participation in the the other side of the world. markets more difficult. At the end of October last The size of the foreign hank- Euro-sterling rates showing the year the pound fell to around ing community in London can sharpest rise.

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level ever touched by the pound Representation and was a full two cents lower

than any tradiog in Europe nr There are more foreign hanks the 12-month, at 13,557 cents, the U.S. In the City than anywhere else discount. On October 28 when the U.S. In the only that anywhere ease discount. On occupier so when Interesting the central in the world. The number with the pound fell to its record low banks in Europe and the U.S. direct representation had of \$1.57 in London; it could presents nn problem, and has increased from 107 in 1967 to have been purchased for 12 been fairly common in recent 274 by this June. Well over 350 month delivery at about \$1.40, weeks, with the fall in the value foreign banks are represented At the end of October this year of the dollar. There may also either directly or by holding sterling stood at a premium of he times when central hanks stakes in consortium banks, about 1.50 cents against the act in concert, and during ster. This has helped London to dollar for 12-month delivery.

deficit into next year. In this major importance to London would remain lower than the Problems over the growth of the money supply in the U.K. and U.S. are hehind the rise in both sterling and dollar interest rates, with Euro-

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recently to stem the rise of the domestic sterling rates, while Japanese yen, with most of its Euro-dollar rates have moved sterling's three-month premium iolorvention confined to the in the opposite direction, against the dollar was 1 cent, Tokyo cxchange. The Japanese alihough to a much smaller and the 12-month premium-1.40 commercial hanks operating in degree. In the middle of cents. At that time the forward London are sometimes seen to November 1976 the three-month pound was at a preminm against continue the operation however, Euro-sterling rate was around almost all major currencies, presumably under the guidance 16 per cent, with the one-year although this varied according of their own authorities. The City's complex structure cent. grew up wheo Britain was the year three-month Euro-sterling as the D-mark and the Swiss pre-eminent trading nation of was about 5 per cent, but the franc. Towards the end of the world, and London the major one-year was a little higher this November the situation was time at 6 11/16 per cent. contro for international tinan-cial matters. It has survived three-month Euro-dollar rate in-three-month Euro-dollar rate inremarkably well, considering creased from 51 per cent, to unrest, while, London interest the rayages of two world wors. rate rose from 6; per ceot, to reason. a decline in the importance of Britain as a major power, and 71 per cent. an almost constant problem It would have been bard to over the value of the domestic believe during the depressing against currency.

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By the middle of November rate slightly lower at 153 per to the period in terms of some By mid-November this of the stronger currencies such 7. per cent., while the one-year rates increased for the same Under these circumforward rates have

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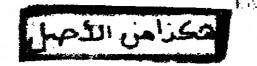
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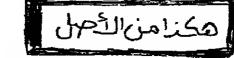
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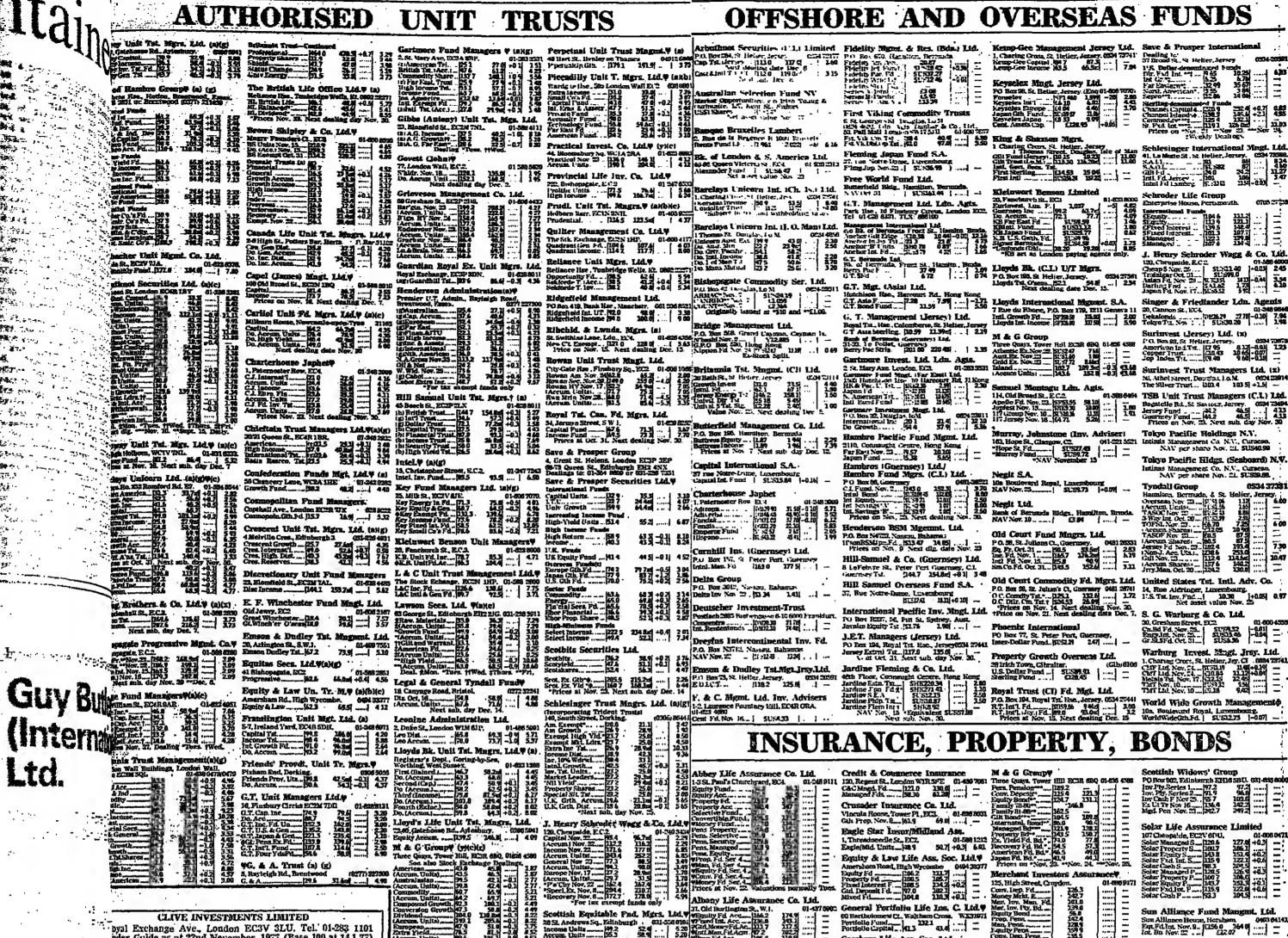
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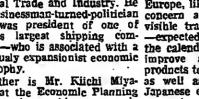


### BY CHARLES SMITH

TOKYO, Nov. 28.

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## Firemen's union to see Premier

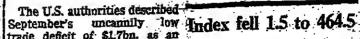
### BY ALAN PIKE AND PHILIP RAWSTORNE

JAPAN'S Prime Minister to-day One of the key figures in Mr. the General Agreement on Tariffs completed a sweeping re-shuffle Fukuda's new line-up is Mr. and Trade. of bis Cabinet, setting the stage Tosbio Komoto. Minister of Inter-for decisive negotiations with national Trade and Industry. He Europe, like the U.S. is showing the U.S. and Europe on ways to is a businessman-turned-politician concern about the rise of its firemen's strike, which entered tween the firemen and the lock

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## **Swan Hunter Polish** order vote to-day



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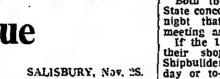
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**Beaverbrook to appeal to-day** against judge's refusal

### BY CHRISTIAN TYLER, LABOUR EDITOR

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## **TUC** suggests key role for pension funds

### BY NICHOLAS COLCHESTER

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Infancing the capital investment amhience of examining the role of British companies. of the pension funds." The TUC made this novel The new volume contains the suggestion in oral evidence to written and oral evidence from the Wilson inquiry into the City, the Confederation of British which is published to-day. Mr. Industry, the TUC and the Asso-David Lea, a TUC economist, was clatton of Independent Busi-explaining to the committee how nesses.

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Mr. Keys asks for space in the Express to reply to a front-page editorial last Friday which be says was "a personal attack on myself."

## Egypt less isolated